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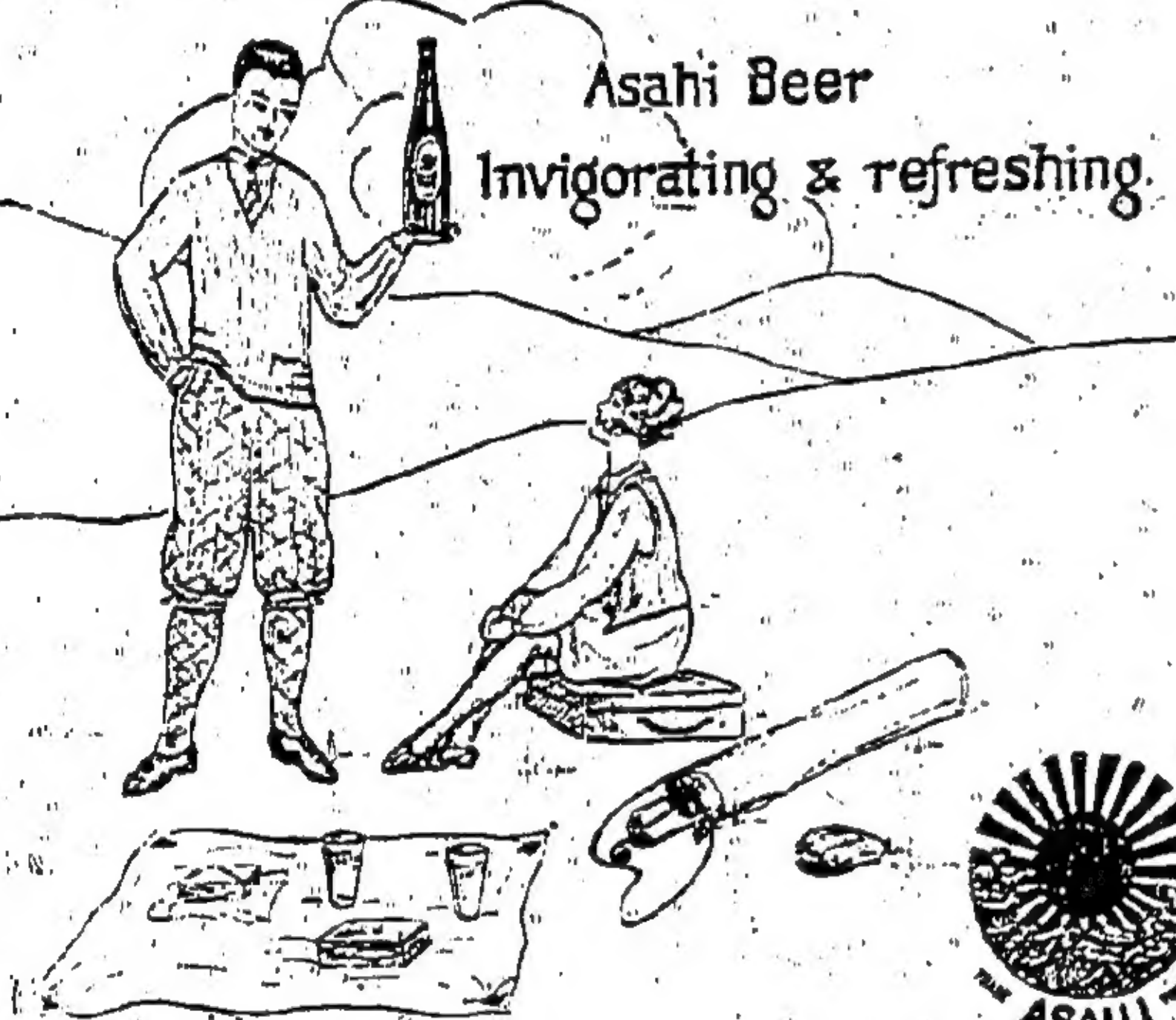
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Money and Markets

THE P. AND O. DIVIDEND.

SOUND POSITION.

The announcement last month of a final dividend of 7 per cent. upon P. and O. Deferred stock, making 12 per cent. for the year, free of income tax, is an eloquent testimony to the sound financial position of the company, which, it will be recalled, reduced its dividend from 12 per cent. to 10 per cent. still tax free in respect of the year to September 30th, 1925, when the protracted Australian shipping strike caused serious difficulties in the Australian trade. Then followed the General and Coal Strikes at Home, with their disastrous results to the volume of trade, and increased expense to all transport undertakings.

The 10 per cent. dividend was paid for three years, and that the company should be able to restore the rate of dividend at a time when, even if there are no outstanding factors making for reduced earnings, the general state of the shipping industry is certainly "subnormal" as regards freights is a sign that there are at any rate no legacies from the specially bad times of 1925-27 to be made good. On the announcement made, on October 25th P. and O. stock, now quoted in £1 units, rose to 56s. At this price, which is equivalent to 250 on the old basis, the yield is 24 1/2 per cent., free of tax, allowing for the final dividend which is included in the price. This yield is equivalent to a 25 1/2 per cent. return subject to income tax.

JAPAN'S COTTON IMPORTS.

STEADY INCREASE.

Raw cotton imported into Japan from the advent of this season, September 1st, to the end of October, has been totalled 47,754 bales, according to an official report. Details follow:—

	Bales.
Indian cotton	218,142
American, square bales	112,021
American, round bales	9,316
Chinese, iron-pressed	11,190
Chinese, half pressed	77,179
Chinese, medium sized	423
Chinese, small sized	13,375
Egyptian	2,355
African	3,311
Others	13
Total	47,754

This total shows a gain of 77,957 bales over the corresponding period last year.

JAPAN'S SHIPPING.

GOVERNMENT REQUESTED TO AID LINES TO DUTCH EAST INDIES.

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at its general meeting on November 6th, adopted a recommendation, addressed to the respective Ministers and officials concerned, requesting Japanese ships to call at Sumatra and Belawan.

Although Japan's trade with the Dutch Indies is annually increasing, it is mainly devoted to that with Java, and there is hardly any trade done outside of Java. This is due to the fact that whereas the O.S.K., the N.Y.K. and Java-Japan-China Line maintain regular services to Java and a number of tramp steamers also provide transportation facilities and cheaper freight rates, there are few, if any, Japanese ships making regular calls elsewhere but Java.

No Japanese ships call at such a promising port as Sumatra, causing Japanese merchants extra expense for re-loading and higher freightage at Singapore. The Government should subsidize the routes that pass by Sumatra and induce ships to call at Belawan, so as to promote Japan's trade with Sumatra. This recommendation was addressed to the Premier, Foreign, Commerce and Communications Ministers.

AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

LESS THAN 1927-8.

The Agricultural Department of the United States Government on November 8th announced that this year's raw cotton crop will reach 14,133,000 bales, or larger by 140,000 bales than the previous estimate, but less by 3,844,000 bales than last year's actual production.

CHINA'S COTTON INDUSTRY.

BETTER PEIHO COTTON.

The Cotton Yarn Association's pamphlet on the cotton spinning industry of China, recently published in Manchuria, pointed out that China, like India, was a cotton-growing as well as a cotton-manufacturing country, and it appears that China also resembles India in that attempts are being made to improve the qualities of the domestic growth of cotton. A recent issue of the Chinese Economic Bulletin states that prominent cotton merchants in Tientsin have organized a company, which aims at improvement in the quality of Peiho cotton and the encouragement of its use in the mills. Peiho cotton was considered the best in the north, since it has a longer staple, and a better colour than other types, and is more suitable for producing finer yarns. Unfortunately unscrupulous merchants have recently tried to adulterate it, so that the confidence of consumers in Peiho cotton have been undermined and they have imported foreign cotton to take its place. The increased cost of the imported cotton is a serious consideration to some of the mills. In order to restate Peiho cotton the new company intends to educate farmers in modern methods of cultivation, to take steps against adulteration, and to advertise the qualities of Peiho cotton as compared with those of foreign cotton.

HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

PRICES SHOW AN EASIER TENDENCY.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, in their review dated yesterday, state: "Since our last report of the 18th November, the local market has shown very little activity, and prices with few exceptions, have shown an easier tendency. This quiet tone which set in at the end of the last week has been intensified, mainly owing to apprehension as to the effect of the new Stamp duty proposals of the Government; consequently there is very little enquiry in the market and business has shrunk to negligible dimensions. In Shanghai interest is being almost entirely centred in Cotton shares following the improved yarn position in the North, the market there closing firmer, with more buyers in evidence."

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks were dealt in at \$132 1/2/30 and have further enquiries at the former rate. The latest cable quotation from London is \$141 (Middle). Bank of East Asia's have firmed up to \$80 and probably a little more would be paid. Unions have had transactions at \$362. China Fires continue in demand at \$250. Cantoners are offering at \$675 and Hong Kong Fires at \$760, sales having been changed hand at \$670 and \$765 respectively.

Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats mark a further rise at \$22 1/2. China Providents have eased to \$3. Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were realised at \$9.30. Hong Kong Lands are a shade easier with business done at \$203, and further buyers at this figure. Humphreys Estates have receded to \$15 1/2. Hong Kong Trams have experienced a further setback, the market falling to \$18, but have since recovered to a buying quotation of \$19.40.

Hong Kong Electric is slightly firmer with business done at \$53 and \$51 1/2 for the old and new shares respectively. China Lights (Old) continue very flat and sales have taken place at \$12.40. Star Ferries seek buyers at \$67 1/2.

China Sugars have weakened and were booked at 50 cents. Dairy Farms closed the turn lower at \$22 1/2. Union Waterboats have lapsed to a nominal quotation of \$24. Benguet continues in request at \$2 1/2. Raubs are wanted at \$5 1/2. Ewos have changed hands to a fair extent up to \$13. Orientals were put through at \$14.20. Shanghai Cottons (Old) have continued their rise and are in demand at \$15 1/2.

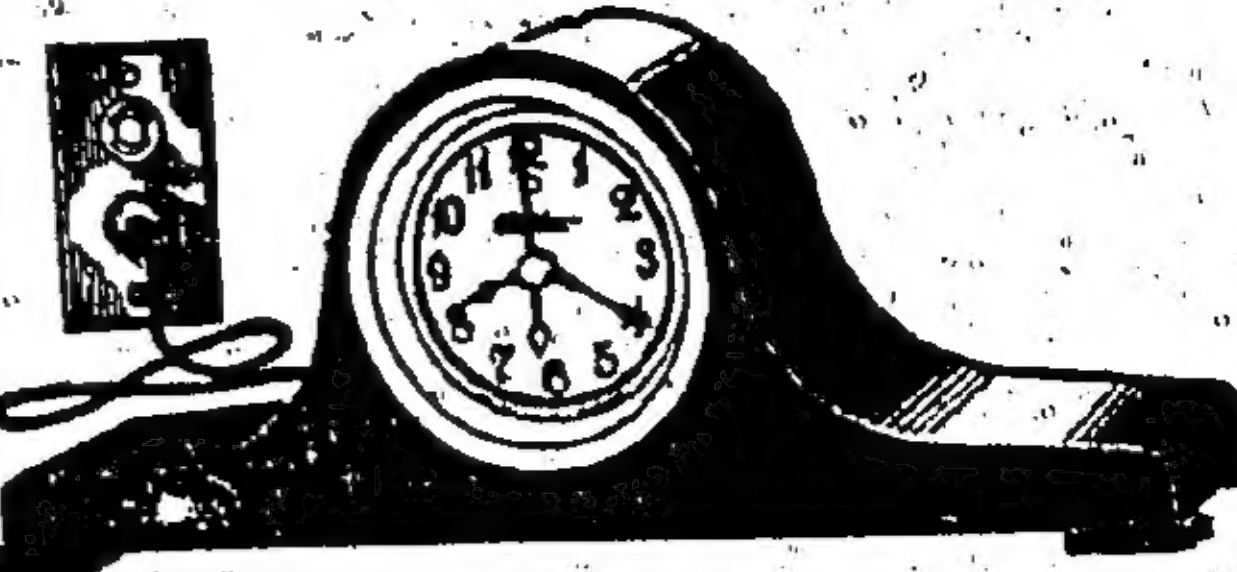
UNITED STATES OPENS MANCHURIA TRADE OFFICE.

PEKING, Nov. 2nd.

America's growing interest in Manchuria is indicated by the decision of the Department of Commerce to open a new office in Mukden, with Mr. J. J. Ehrhardt as trade commissioner and Mr. W. K. Hoyt as assistant trade commissioner. Mr. Ehrhardt originally was designated for Tientsin, but it has been decided not to open the Tientsin office for the present, but to concentrate attention to the trade and commerce of Manchuria.

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LOW RUBBER STOCKS IN LONDON.

The last return of London stocks of rubber published before restriction was removed records, strangely enough, the largest weekly decrease since the end of May last. Landings of the commodity were the smallest for months past—namely 408 tons, while deliveries were 2,645 tons. The resultant decline in stocks of 2,237 tons reduced their level to 24,240 tons. It is on this low stock figure that the optimism in the industry are basing in large part their more confident view of the outlook for the commodity, for low visible stocks both in London and in New York will provide, of course, a useful buffer against the influx of rubber which will result from the removal of restriction and the release of the stocks accumulated on the plantations in Malaya and Ceylon. Market estimates place these accumulations at about 50,000 tons by the end of October and the total reduction in world visible supplies at not less than 75,000 tons, on which basis, allowing for the normal stocks which will be retained on the estates, the surplus rubber which may be expected to come forward on the removal of restriction should not be more than sufficient to redress the visible stock balance.

At the same time consumption of the commodity, particularly in America, continues good. So far as price prospects are concerned, judging from the forward sales which have been entered into for next year and even 1930, 9d. per pound is likely to remain the average price for rubber for some considerable time to come.

DEMAND FOR BRASS.

CANTON SHORT OF STOCKS.

Large quantities of brass wire, rods, and plates have been imported from Japan for the South China market. Prices were lower than these quoted by British, Belgian, and German supplies, although the quality of the Japanese product was admittedly inferior to the European. This difference in quality has made it difficult to find buyers for Japan brass, and the boycott movement has made matters still worse from the Japanese point of view. At the present time, there is practically no business being done with Japan in this line.

Inquiries among metal dealers in Hong Kong show that business has been fairly good this year, but stocks of brass wire, plate, etc., now in the Colony are more than sufficient to meet the demand for the present year. There is one line of manufactured brass for which there is still considerable demand in the Canton market, namely, brass strips for use in the manufacture of electrical and other apparatus. Japanese stocks of this line are said to have been completely cleared, while English and German supplies are not arriving fast enough to meet the demand. Prices in Canton have increased from 60 to 65 dollars a picul, and are expected to advance further unless fresh supplies are soon received from Hong Kong.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

RUGBY, Nov. 21st

Paris	124.10
Brussels	34.08
Amsterdam	32.06 1/2
Berlin	30.35
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	24.605
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/2
Bucharest	80 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.29/84
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Yokohama	1/10.13/18
New York	4.85 1/2/18
Geneva	25.19
Milan	92.65
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	18.19
Prague	162 1/2
Madrid	20.075
Athens	37 1/2
Bio	5.59/32
Bombay	1/6.1/22
Hong Kong	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot)	2 1/2
Silver (forward)	26.13/18

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

NOVEMBER 23rd, 1928.

A.K. Banks\$1,325 buy.
Do. London	.....\$240 nom.
Chartered Banks	.....\$224 buy.
Mercantile Banks, A. & S.	.....\$234 nom.
Do. O.	.....\$214 nom.
P. & O. Banks	.....\$251 nom.
East Asia Bank	.....\$80 buy.
Canton Insurance	.....\$670 sel.
Union Insurance	.....\$361 sel.
North China Ins.	.....\$180 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	.....\$150 nom.
China Underwriters	.....\$24 sel.
China Fire Insurance	.....\$230 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	.....\$780 sel.
Douglas	.....\$354 nom.
H.K. Steamers	.....\$32 buy. & sa.
H.K. Tugs	.....\$1.60 nom.
Indo-China (Prof.)	.....\$424 buy.
Do. (Del.)	.....\$724 buy.
Shell Transport	.....\$118 nom.
Waterboats	.....\$234 sel.
Benguet	.....\$234 buy.
Kailash Mining Adm.	.....\$75 nom.
Langkasa (combined)	.....\$112 sel.
Do. (single)	.....\$11 nom.
S'ha. Explorations	.....\$1.43 buy.
Shanghai Loans	.....\$124 buy.
Bank	.....\$54 buy.
Tromoh Mines	.....\$176 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	.....\$137 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	.....\$137 sel.
China Providents	.....\$4.95 buy. & sa.
Hongkong	.....\$1.65 nom.
New Engineering	.....\$1.15 nom.
Shanghai Docks	.....\$1.10 sa.
Ewo Cottons	.....\$124 buy.
Oriental Cottons	.....\$2.40 sel.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	.....\$1.54 buy.
Do. (new)	.....\$1.34 buy. & sa.
H.K. & S. Hotels	.....\$9.10 buy. & sa.
H.K. Lands	.....\$564 buy.
Shanghai Lands	.....\$123 sel.
Humphreys Estates	.....\$154 sel.
H.K. Realities	.....\$81 nom.
H.K. Tramways	.....\$19.40 buy. & sa.
Peak Trams (old)	.....\$13 buy.
Do. (new)	.....\$2.50 nom.
Star Ferries	.....\$274 sel.
China Lights (old)	.....\$12.50 sel. & sa.
Do. (new)	.....\$12.55 sel.
Do. (1928 issue)	.....\$12.45 sel.
H.K. Electric (old)	.....\$624 buy. & sa.
Do. (new)	.....\$51 buy.
Macao Electric	.....\$284 buy.
Telephones	.....\$7.30 buy. cum rights
Do.	.....\$5.65 nom. x rights
Do. rights	.....\$3 nom.
China Buses	.....\$11 buy.
Singapore Tractors	.....\$12 nom.
Do. (Prof.)	.....\$15/3 sel.
China Sugars	.....\$0.50 buy. & sa.
Malayan Sugars	.....\$224 buy.
Canton Lees	.....\$34 nom.
Cements (combined)	.....\$370 sel.
Do. (old)	.....\$24 sel.
Do. (new)	.....\$1.60 sel.
H.K. Hops (old)	.....\$7.50 nom.
Do. (new)	.....\$7.65 nom.
United Asbestos	.....\$5 nom.
Dairy Farms	.....\$24 sel.
Watsons	.....\$14 sel.
Der A Wings	.....\$0.75 buy.
Lane Crawford	.....\$1.05 nom.
Mackintosh	.....\$20 nom.
Sinners	.....\$24 buy.
Wm. Powell	.....\$3.50 buy.
H.K. Amusements\$24 sel.
H.K. Constructions\$14 nom.
H.K. India G. & B.\$67 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans\$5 prem. sel.
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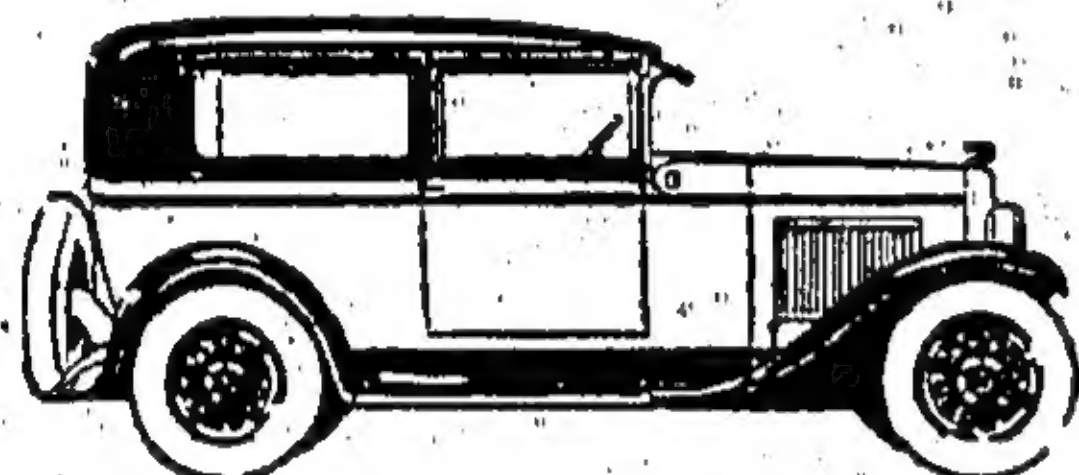
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HONG KONG BUSINESS REPORTS.

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Rice.	Per Picul.
Green Flower Pot white rice, 700 bags	\$7.22
Black Sham Lam white rice, 222 bags	7.33
Green Sham Lam white rice, 222 bags	7.63
Green Flower Pot white rice, 730 bags	7.38
Tud Kam white rice, 240 bags	7.47
Black Seal White Siam rice, 745 bags	7.20
Green Seal pink rice, 440 bags	6.17
Green Seal white broken rice, 153 bags	5.95
Black Seal white broken rice, 600 bags	5.53
Black Seal white broken rice, 54 bags	5.53
Red Seal white broken rice, 507 bags	5.62
Black Seal white brand, 2,000 bags	3.37
Green Seal white brand, 280 bags	3.39
Green Seal brand, 75 bags	3.45
Sugar.	Per Picul.
Fine granulated sugar, 250 bags	\$8.30
No. 18 coarse powdered sugar, 200 bags	6.20
No. 18 coarse powdered sugar, 400 bags	6.99
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 200 bags	7.33
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Miscellaneous.

Red tea, 20 pieces, at \$18 per piece.
Tea oil, 200 cans, at \$20 per can.
Red melon seeds, 30 bags, at \$28.50 per bag.
New white grapes, 500 cases, at \$38 per case.
Newchuan red beans, 30 bags, at \$8.20 per bag.
Middle black beans, 50 bags, at \$6.10 per bag.
Nan Toi green beans, 30 bags, at \$7.10 per bag.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Nov. 22nd.

The sharp drop in prices on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday proved to be merely a natural reaction, largely caused by the sudden collapse of Radio Corporation stock.

Spectacular advances, therefore, marked today's business, huge buying orders pouring in from all over the country. The Radio Corporation not only regained the lost ground, but soared to a new high level at 337.

The total of the day's trading was again 6,000,000 shares.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE "CASSUM."

STATEMENT BY CAPTAIN OF THE "SINKIANG."

ALMOST CAPSIZED IN HEAVY SWELL.

An exact account of what happened to the steamer *Cassum*, formerly H.M.S. *Woodstock*, which was reported to be in trouble while on her way from Shanghai to Hong Kong, has been given by Capt. Mather, master of the C.N.S. *Sinkiang*, who encountered the *Cassum* at a spot some 60 miles north of Wenchow.

Capt. Mather said that on the morning of the 10th instant, he saw a vessel "surging along" on his port bow some distance away. On coming nearer to the vessel in question, he was able to see that the vessel was making signals by displaying numerous flags. Two messages could be made out. These were "Can you give us coal?" and another "Report us to Shanghai." Capt. Mather replied "Follow me to an anchorage." He then made for a spot behind Shetung Island and there dropped anchor.

Speed Down To Three Knots. The *Cassum* later came alongside the B. & S. steamer and Captain Knight explained his predicament. He said that he had had a very rough time and, although given to understand by his owners that the *Cassum* could make 13 knots, had only been able to accomplish six knots in the very best circumstances. On many occasions, his speed had been "little more than three knots." Capt. Knight attributed this to the quality of the coal he had been supplied with at Shanghai and the two captains had a short conference in regard to the position. As a result of this conversation, it was decided that the best course was to make for Wenchow and take in bunkers there, although the *Sinkiang* could give the *Cassum* coal, no useful object would be achieved when the vessel was so near to Wenchow and, moreover, the transfer of coal during the heavy swell which was running would have been a slow and tedious operation which in all probability would have meant another night's anchorage for the *Cassum* in an unfavorable spot. The vessels therefore proceeded on their respective ways.

Fortunate Not To Crash. In the course of the conversation, Capt. Knight said that, owing to the quality of the coal, his engineers had been quite unable to keep a head of steam, with the result that persons of difficulty had repeatedly been encountered. Hugging the coast as the *Cassum* necessarily had to do, it was essential that complete control be possible at all times, as, with the heavy swell running and with strong winds, the light ship drawing only four feet needed the maximum of power in dealing with the various situations which arose in the course of the trip.

"We all but capsized in the swell and then the wind drove us towards the rocks and we were fortunate in not crashing," said Captain Knight.

GERMAN EXPERTS.

IN THE SERVICE OF CHIANG KAI SHEK.

COLONEL BAUER'S RECORD.

HOME COMMENT.

Referring to Colonel Maximilian Bauer's appointment as an adviser to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, the *China Express* and *Telegraph* says:

His connection with Ludendorff was maintained after the Great War, and in 1920 he undertook, with Herr Kapp and General von Luttwitz, to upset the new German Government. After the collapse of the *Putsch* he fled to Austria. From there, however, he kept in touch with Fascist and "Futurist" elements in Germany, notably the Hitler movement in Bavaria, and the so-called "eastern school," who dreamed wildly of co-operation with Soviet Russia in a war of revenge against the Western Powers. Under the amnesty of September, 1925, he returned to Germany. How he will get along with his new anti-Bolshevik and anti-Imperialist masters remains to be seen. Clever as an organizer and with a genius for invention—he was partly responsible for the German 17-inch howitzer—he is nevertheless reputed to be notoriously headstrong and unscrupulous. Even the *Foerische Zeitung* can only describe him as an undisciplined political adventurer and as a "national Bolshevik." According to the *Berliner Tageblatt* the simple facts of recent appointments of Germans, so far as known, are:

A Chinese Commission, accompanied by Colonel Bauer, has been travelling in Germany on behalf of Chiang Kai Shek and has engaged a few German technical experts to go to China. The Commission has been requested by the competent German authorities not to engage any former officers. So far as is known, no officers, but merely five technical experts, have been engaged as advisers to the Government and have gone to China. They include a geologist, an expert in telegraphy, a communal politician, and a building expert. The Chinese Commission itself has returned to China and has only left behind in Berlin a few officials to carry on its work.

Highly circumstantial though the story is, it seems strange that nothing had been heard of it earlier, for, according to a Shanghai report, Colonel Bauer was actually in China last December and January, and was known to be in Canton when the Communist *coup* took place. What has led the Nanking Government to seek military advisers in Germany has occasioned a good deal of speculation. It has not escaped notice that the responsibility for matters connected with the disarmament of Germany having passed to the League of Nations, the question of the employment of German experts by the Chinese Government, if raised under Article 179 of the Treaty of Versailles, would have to be officially brought to the notice of the League by a member State. This has not yet been done, but Britain, which was responsible for the exclusion of German ex-officers from service abroad, may do it.

proceeded on their respective ways, Capt. Mather at once sending a wireless message to H.M. Consulate at Shanghai reporting the position of the *Cassum* in accordance with the request of Capt. Knight. Barren Bay is situated behind an island known as Bella Vista and it was in this spot that *Cassum* almost came to grief. It was later when the ships were in a position north of Shetung Is. that signals were exchanged which subsequently resulted in a conference while at anchorage behind Shetung Island.

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Capt. Mather thought that the *Cassum* would only proceed on her voyage from Wenchow to Hong Kong in daylight and would select suitable anchorages to spend the hours of night. As is now known, the vessel remained in Wenchow for five days due no doubt to the inability of Captain Knight to obtain suitable bunkers, and his observation of weather reports—*North China Daily News*. [About a week ago the *Cassum* was reported to have left Wenchow since no news has been received. Probably she is creeping south along the coast, tooing her way only for her adventurous voyage.]

GERMAN CRUISER QUESTION.

THE COMMUNIST PROTEST.

KNOTTY POINTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

[TRANS-OCEAN VIA PAN-ASIA.]

BERLIN, Nov. 18th.

The Communists in the Reichstag have given notice of two motions of want of confidence, the first directed against General Groener, Minister of Defence, and the other against the Cabinet as a whole.

The Cabinet of the Reich discussed the attitude of its individual members towards the Socialist motion regarding the construction of a new cruiser. It was agreed that Ministers should be free to vote as they pleased.

The Social Democratic Parliamentary group decided to support the Socialist Democratic motion calling for the cessation of the work on the construction of the battle cruiser. The Chancellor of the party, endorsed this step. *Foerwarts*, the Socialist organ, points out that a situation has arisen in which the parties have hitherto co-operated on the Government benches are now opposed to one another upon a question regarding which public opinion is greatly agitated. The paper adds that the real point of issue is whether the Liberal bourgeois parties will support the Social Democrats in their policy of defending the Republic and furthering social progress and economy or whether Liberalism will seek its own fortune elsewhere and independently of the Socialists.

The debate in the Reichstag, on the vexed cruiser question began with a lengthy explanation by the Socialists of their motives in bringing forward their motion in favour of stopping all further credits for the construction of the cruiser.

Dr. Mueller, the Chancellor, stated that the present Cabinet had inherited the cruiser now being built from the last Government. So far the expenditure up to it was well within the limits of the sum voted. As the division was likely to be a close thing, he intended to vote as a party man against the cruiser and not as Chancellor in favour of it. General Groener, Minister of Defence, urged that the construction of the cruiser was a matter of national defence and should not be treated as a party question. Germany's tiny navy must be kept up to date, particularly in view of the enforced weakness of the army. Owing to her geographical situation, Germany must be prepared and in a position not only to defend her frontiers but to maintain and guarantee her own neutrality. General Groener added that some of the present vessels of the German navy were 25 years old.

BERLIN, Nov. 18th. The large crowds which gathered outside the Reichstag this morning indicated the interest taken by the public in the debate on the cruiser question.

Herr Trevirianus (Conservative) urged that Germany could not make her future secure by pacifism alone, while other Powers maintain an ambiguous attitude on the question of Naval Disarmament.

Herr Otto Wels delivered an impassioned speech protesting against the building of the cruiser. The speech was the subject of a special meeting of the Cabinet as Herr Wels' utterances caused concern among the parties which participate in the coalition.

The Socialist motion was rejected by 235 votes to 203, with eight abstentions. The *Foerische Zeitung* says the question at issue was not only the cruiser but whether, under present conditions, it is possible to create a Government holding office for a long term and capable of realising a programme of European consolidation and economic recovery. — *Straits Times*.

THE NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS.

LIBERALS TO TAKE OFFICE AGAIN.

SYDNEY, Nov. 18th.

The New Zealand elections surprisingly resulted in the downfall of the Coates Government, which formerly numbered 52 members in a House of 80 and now has only 27. It is almost certain that the veteran statesman Sir Joseph Ward, who is 74 years of age, will again take office as Prime Minister as leader of the Liberals, who are now called the United Party. Their slogan is, "Happiness for Everybody."

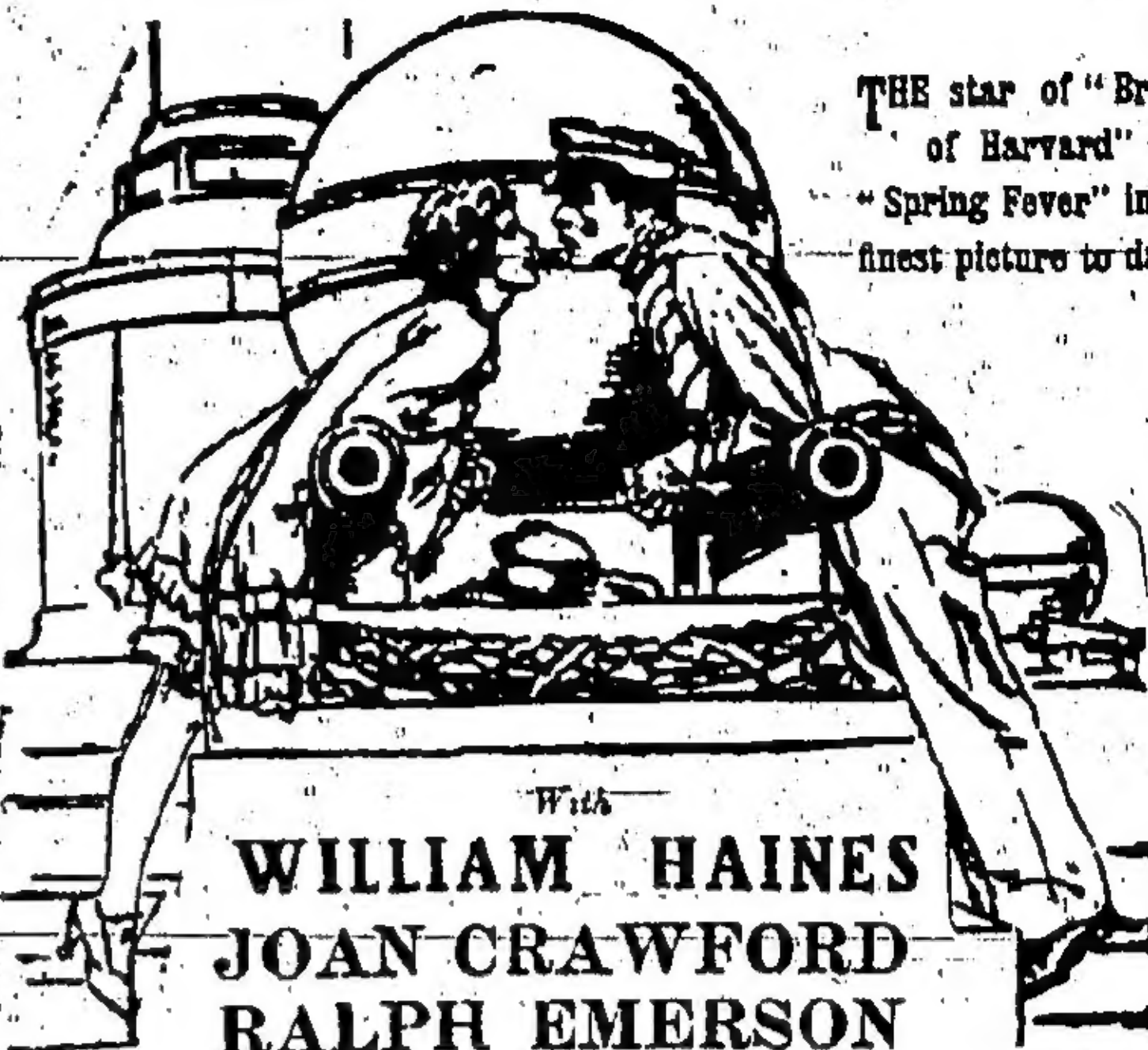
The United Party holds 27 seats. Labour gained six and now holds 30 seats.

The liquor poll showed a vote of 3 to 2 in favour of continuance of the present system. Sir Joseph Ward is "wet," while Mr. J. G. Coates, leader of the former Government, is "dry."

At the General Election in November, 1925, the result was: Reform Party, 55; Liberals and Independent Liberals, 17; Labour Party, 13; Independent, 1. — *Straits Times*.

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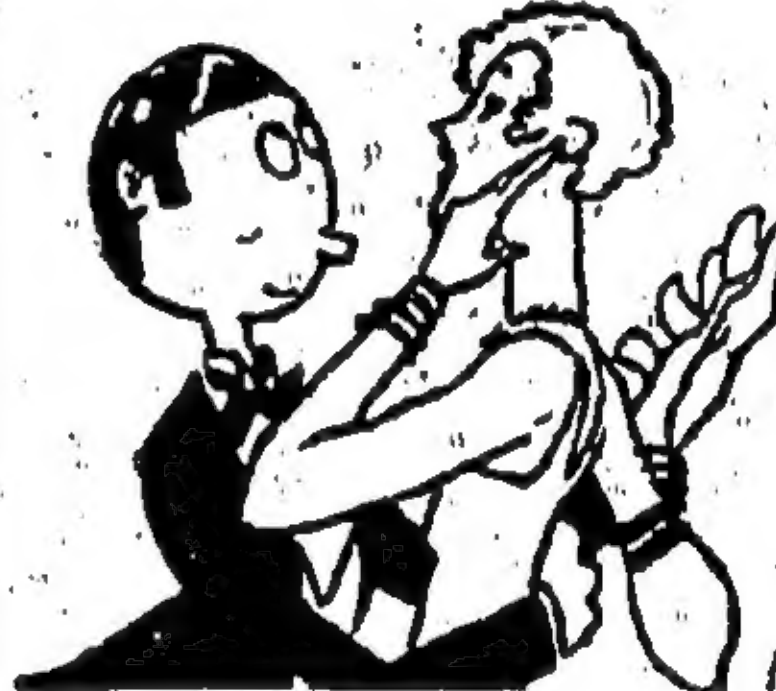
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GERMAN WAR GUILT.

THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES.

LORD GREY'S OPINION.

Viscount Grey's "Twenty-five Years, 1892-1917" which was first published in 1923, has now been issued in a cheap edition of three volumes. To this, the "People's Library Edition," as it is named, Lord Grey contributes a special introduction, which precedes the table of contents and the original introduction.

After expressing grateful acknowledgment for the general acceptance of his book, Lord Grey uses the occasion to remind critics who complain that he has taken no notice of foreign documents which have come to the light only since the War, that post-War revelations are not relevant to the scope and purpose of the book. He also recalls that its main purpose is not to make the vindication or condemnation of any country the final word. For this reason the question of war guilt was not examined closely. A criticism, however, from a German source which suggests that Germany could not control Austria now leads Lord Grey to write at some length on the Article in the Treaty of Versailles "which extorts the admission that Germany and her Allies were solely responsible for the War." Lord Grey does not consider whether the Article is true, but whether it is not out of place in a peace treaty, and whether its effect has not been mischievous.

"It seems to me," Lord Grey writes, "to be very unfortunate that this Article was put into the Treaty at all." It appears to support the claim for reparations, but for this purpose he holds it to be unnecessary; it "seems to be ill-conceived even if it is intended to support a material claim." From the moral point of view Lord Grey calls it "useless"; "it is of no

moral effect to make individuals or nations sign confessions of guilt by force."

"But the effect [Lord Grey continues] has not only been negative—it has been positively mischievous. The Article has so worked upon German feeling as to hinder impartial and dispassionate examination in Germany of war guilt and the true causes of the War. It has concentrated national opinion in Germany upon efforts to throw the blame upon other nations; it has even led to passionate assertions that Germany alone of all those engaged in the War had no war guilt."

"It provokes and intensifies expression in Germany of feelings that make other nations doubt whether the German nation views about war and militarism has really changed, and it is this doubt that in the eyes of moderate and conciliatory opinion in neighbouring countries still throws a shadow on the future."

It is not, however, easy, Lord Grey proceeds, "to undo a blunder of this sort." "There are genuine objections to cancelling the Article." The time has not yet come for making formal alterations in the text of the Treaty, and to remove the Article "would certainly be used by German partisans as admitting or at least implying Germany's innocence. To this none of us could agree." Further, if the Allies struck out the Article, "their act would be construed as evidence that they themselves feel some consciousness of war guilt, an admission they would all resent as untrue," particularly Belgium and France, "while we strove to avert war and found our suggestion blocked at Berlin and Vienna."

"Nevertheless [Lord Grey adds], even when a blunder cannot be undone, it may be well to say that it had better not have been done; the mere statement of such an opinion about it may do something to moderate its consequences."

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CAPT. TOLLEFSEN'S STORY OF AN UNAVAILING DEFENCE.

PERSISTENT ATTACKS BY PIRATE JUNKS.

H.M.S. "SERAPIS" TO THE RESCUE.

The story of the piracy and burning of the China Merchant ship, *Hsinchi*, received first-hand from Captain A. Tollefsen, the Master, stamps the affair as one of the most thrilling episodes recently recorded on the China Coast. Captain Tollefsen has experienced two piracies, having been on the *Kwangle* when she was pirated off Repulse Bay in July, 1928.

The *Hsinchi* left Shanghai for Foochow at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6th, carrying 500 passengers, a general cargo, and 632 bags of mail. (Incidentally, a Post Office notification has been received to the effect that all this mail has been destroyed by fire).

Outside the vessel ran into a thick fog and later on the afternoon of the 8th inst., at 2.25 p.m., after passing Strawstack Island, still enveloped in fog, the ship grazed—though sliding over a flat surface—an uncharted submerged rock, to the southeast and from a half to three-quarters of a mile off the island. In the fog, Captain Tollefsen said, it was impossible to be absolutely certain of the distance.

Short Cut To Tai Island.

He at once decided that, for the safety of the passengers and the ship, he must make for a safe anchorage and, if necessary, beach the ship. The Chinese passengers were seized with panic and, hastily donning life-belts, rushed about the decks and endeavoured to launch the boats by themselves. The Second Mate, Mr. Li, a Chinese, who then and afterwards played a conspicuous part and proved himself not only a good sailor but also a very gallant man, standing by his Captain all through, did his best to restore order, assuring the frightened people that the vessel would be taken to a place where they would be perfectly safe. This sobered them a little.

Captain Tollefsen heard a suggestion that he should make for the Incoog Light, some thirteen miles off, but the vessel was making water rapidly and there was already a depth of 4 ft. in the fore-hold, so he decided to take a short cut to Tai Island, 26.59 N., 120.40 E., which was the nearest land. Arriving there, he dropped anchor and all the Chinese passengers were taken off. The foreign passengers preferred to stay on board, and the ladies were accommodated in the Captain's cabin, whilst the men had a shake-down in the wheel-house.

At 6.30 a.m. the next day (Friday), Capt. Tollefsen beached the ship so as to save her cargo as well as the vessel herself. Two anchors were dropped and the vessel was securely held.

Pirates Come Aboard.

It was then that some "fishermen" who had been hovering about, showed themselves in their true colours as pirates and swarmed on board in an endeavour to secure loot. The crew tackled them with a will, sprinkling the decks with broken glass and defending themselves and the ship with bladders of wood and various improvised weapons. There was much brisk rough-and-tumble work, with several minor injuries, but, though the crew behaved manfully, they were not able to prevent a certain amount of looting.

The looting and the skirmishing between the crew and the pirates continued all Friday and at night Captain Tollefsen became apprehensive that a fire might break out, for the looters were running about with naked torches. Accordingly he directed that the dynamo should be kept running, in order to diminish this danger. Mention of this led him to emphasize that not only Mr. Li, but also all the Chinese engineers and firemen stood by him most loyally and gave him every assistance, despite the treatment they were getting from the pirates.

When Saturday broke, the pirates came again and all through the forenoon the looting and skirmishing were repeated. It was with profound relief that Captain Tollefsen and his company saw the arrival of two big junks and a motor boat with an armed Chinese guard under a lieutenant. However, the junks and the motor boat simply collected the Chinese passengers off the island and sailed away with them.

After the disappearance of the motor boat, several more junks arrived to reinforce the pirate fleet and the looting increased to such an extent that the situation was becoming desperate, so that the relief of Capt. Tollefsen when on Sunday the Dutch ship, *Tjitarcom*, hove in sight. Captain Tollefsen, convinced that his vessel could be refloated when assistance arrived, would not leave the *Hsinchi*, but all the foreign passengers and a few Chinese were transferred to the *Tjitarcom*.

A Kind Of Police Junk.

Left to themselves again, the little band on the *Hsinchi* soon came in for far more serious work than any they had experienced previously. Cruising about amongst the pirate-fishermen was what Captain Tollefsen said he had taken to be "a kind of a police-junk." It was a smart sailer, finished in a multitude of dazle colours and had painted gun-ports. Her true nature was made apparent when, without warning, she opened fire on the *Hsinchi* with four rifles, whilst the motley horde on the other craft swarmed down on the *Hsinchi* in a very determined manner, men flourishing axes, knives and other weapons. Keeping one for himself, Captain Tollefsen hastily passed the other pistols to the Chief Officer, the Third Engineer, and the quarter-master, and they returned the fire.

This fusillade did not deter the pirates and, looking round, Capt. Tollefsen saw his Mate in a sampan, held down by four men, who seized his pistol and then went through his pockets, taking everything they considered of any value. Then they released him and he scrambled on to the rocks. Left alone, the Captain ran out along the awning boom, jumped down on to the stokehold casing and found his way to the bunkers. There he and the company of six sailors and two firemen, already in hiding, and together they spent a miserable afternoon. When darkness fell, Captain Tollefsen went cautiously in search of something to quench their thirst and he then found that the pirates had loaded their boats and disappeared. Then he got the Chief Engineer up and restarted the dynamo.

On Monday morning the Master was writing up the log-book when an alarm of fire was raised, just as the final touch to the drama. The engine-room pumps were set going full bent, and, with three lines of hose out, the Chief Officer, the Second Mate and the bosun, assisted by the crew, put up a brave fight against the flames. The hatchways, companionways and ventilators were covered with canvas and wet matting, to shut out the air, but all efforts were unavailing and at 10 a.m. the fire broke through the after lower hold and the whole of the after deck was ablaze. It was then seen that the vessel must be abandoned.

A Friendly Craft.

Throughout the trouble, the Captain had noticed one junk whose people had not joined in the looting and who had maintained a friendly attitude. He sought the assistance of these, offering the crew of ten the contents of the captain's cabin as payment and giving them a note to this effect to protect them in case the "mandarin gunboat" later should attempt reprisals. On this junk the officers were taken to the other side of the island. By 7 p.m. the fire had spread through the bunkers and the upper structures collapsed. Only the foredeck was free and there the pirates still were busily engaged fishing out barrels of aniline dye and looting right up to the last minute.

The officers and crew spent a miserable night in the pouring rain and it was not until nearly daybreak that they sighted H.M.S. *Serapis*. The pirates saw her, too, and hastily scrambled into their boats, but the *Serapis* intercepted two of the larger junks and captured them, together with nineteen pirates and a miscellaneous collection ranging from motor car tyres and barrels of dye down to minor trifles.

The Captain and Chief Officer were taken on board the *Serapis*, where, said Captain Tollefsen, "I had the most tasty breakfast I have ever had, and I needed it." Shortly after 8 a.m. the C.M.S. *Hacan* arrived. She had been in Nankun Harbour the previous day, looking for the *Hsinchi*. The latter was beyond hope, for she was on fire from end to end and had taken on a list to starboard. The same friendly junk transferred all who remained of the *Hsinchi*'s company to the *Hacan* and they came to Shanghai via Wenchow, arriving on Sunday.

Captain Tollefsen is firm in the opinion, in which he is supported by Captain Van de Watering of the *Tjitarcom*, that had the pirates left the ship alone, she could have been refloated without great difficulty. Only the forehold was flooded, and the boiler-room, the engine-room and the after hold were dry.

—North China Daily News.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRAMWAY SHARES AND BUSES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I think I am giving the unanimous opinion of a large number—if not the majority—of the members of the travelling public in Hong Kong when I say that it is about the right time for some publicity to be given to such a question or series of questions as raised or hinted by "Observer" in your to-day's issue on tramway shares and buses.

I do not wish to go into the pros and cons or the whys and wherefores of the whole affair, but I would suggest, if I may, that the Tramway Company be advised to reduce their Ordinary Monthly Tickets fare to \$5 for "Trams Only" and to increase it to \$7 for "both trams and buses."

Before doing so, perhaps the Tramway Company would be wise to cause such proposed reduction to be widely and freely advertised and well before the commencement of the month when such reduction actually comes into force, and also to make it clearly and distinctly understood that such reduction is only given on a trial basis for a certain period, say, a month or two. If there was not sufficient support from the public towards such an exceptional concession during the proposed period the new scale of charges for monthly ticket holders would be withdrawn and (needless to say) should it prove to be paying (as the monthly collections then would tell) the reduction would remain unchanged.

I have no doubt that in this way the Tramway Company's business can be increased to a larger volume than it is at present, and possibly to far greater dimensions than it was before the birth of the "Orange" bus service.

It is not my business to try here to convince the Tramway Company of the practicability or desirability of the adoption of such a scheme, but I am satisfied that the result would be mutually beneficial as between the travelling public and the Tramway Company itself.—Yours, etc.,

A WELL-WISHER.

Hong Kong, November 23rd, 1928.

THE MURDERED LADY MISSIONARY.

STORY OF SHOOTING BY BANDITS.

PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES PERTURBED.

PEKING, November 17th.

The first details to be received of the circumstances in which Miss Mann, a Baptist missionary, was murdered in Shaansi province by bandits appear in the *N.C. Daily News* of November 17th. It appears that the mission authorities had decided to transfer her from Taiyuanfu to Sincow, 45 miles away. It was arranged that the Rev. R. H. P. Dart should accompany her. They bicycled but finding the road very muddy decided, after covering seven miles, to return to Taiyuanfu and wait until the roads were better.

A Brutal Murder.

The Rev. Dart dismounted and was scraping the thick mud from his bicycle when he suddenly felt a dig in the ribs and turned to find himself looking down the barrels of several loaded revolvers, in the hands of bandits.

These men seized the bicycle and then demanded all valuables possessed by the missionary. He, without resistance, gave up his watch, ring and money. Then he heard a shot and looking in the direction from which it came saw Miss Mann, who had started back while he was cleaning his machine, had dismounted. The bandits were evidently demanding her cycle and she was apparently expositulating when one of the bandits deliberately shot her. He saw her fall dead and then the bandits immediately made off, taking both cycles.

The Rev. Dart then made his way back to Taiyuanfu to the mission and sent Dr. Boomhall to where Miss Mann had fallen. He states that death must have been instantaneous. He has arranged for the removal of the body to Taiyuan.

The Shaansi authorities are very perturbed by the incident, not only because Miss Mann had come into close contact with the wives of many officials but also because brigandage and lawlessness have been extremely rare in Shaansi for many years under the able administration of General Yen Hsi Shan. It is regarded as significant that this occurred when his strong hand had been removed from direct government.

—Herald.



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My Window of Dreams—Waltz With Vocal Refrain
WARING'S PENNSYLVANIANS
No. 21676, 10-inch

Sunbeams—Fox Trot (from the motion picture, *Loves of an Actress*) With Vocal Refrain
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No. 21677, 10-inch

Paradise—Waltz (from the motion picture production, *The Wedding March*) With Vocal Refrain
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No. 21678, 10-inch

Some Day—Somewhere (We'll Meet Again)—Waltz
(Theme song of the motion picture production, *The Red Dance*)
With Vocal Refrain
Neapolitan Nights (Oh, Night of Splendor)—Waltz
(Theme song of the motion picture, *Faust*) With Vocal Refrain
THE TROVADOURS
No. 21683, 10-inch

Flower of Love—Fox Trot (Theme song of the motion picture, *White Shadows in the South Seas*) With Vocal Chorus
Lonesome in the Moonlight—Fox Trot With Vocal Chorus
NAT SHILKRET AND THE VICTOR ORCHESTRA
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Out of the Tempest—Waltz With Vocal Refrain
The First Kiss—Waltz With Vocal Refrain
GEORGE OLSEN AND HIS MUSIC
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TSANG ON WING AND THE TREASURY CHECKS.

WHY MR. BLACK COULD NOT IDENTIFY HIS SPECIMEN SIGNATURE.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS MISLED."

THE RIGHT TO SEE A PRISONER.

Yesterday afternoon saw the fourth hearing of the case before Mr. Justice P. Jackson, at the Supreme Court in which Carvalho Yeo is charged with having defrauded the Hong Kong Treasury to the extent of over \$250,000 by means of three forged cheques. The Court room was again crowded with interested spectators, and the cross-examination by Mr. Jenkin, Counsel for the defence, of Tsang On Wing, a trusted clerk of the Treasury, was followed with close attention.

MR. BLACK AND HIS SPECIMEN SIGNATURE.

It was reported yesterday in the local Press that during the cross-examination of Mr. T. Black by Mr. Jenkin, Mr. Black was unable to identify his specimen signature which was given to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. Mr. Eldon Potter, Counsel for the Crown yesterday said that was not correct. The gentlemen of the Press were apparently misled by Mr. Jenkin for what actually happened was that Counsel for the defence submitted an enlarged photograph of Mr. Black's specimen signature and asked him if he knew what it was. This question was put to Mr. Black twice and he replied "I don't know."

Proceeding Mr. Potter said that the obvious meaning derived by reading the report was that Mr. Black could not even identify his own signature. That was not the truth, and in fact the question had never been put to him that way by Mr. Jenkin. That was a matter of great importance and in fairness to Mr. Black it should be corrected. He had also heard people saying "what a man, he must be, he can't identify his own signature."

The Government, Mr. Potter said, was also surprised to see confidential documents, such as Mr. Black's and Mr. Messer's specimen signatures, being disclosed to the public. He had been instructed to protest against this. In the case of the cheques selected by Mr. Jenkin to be used for the defence, that was quite in order because it was done with the permission of the Crown.

The documents, Mr. Potter added, were placed in Mr. Jenkin's possession as a result of a subpoena having been served on Mr. N. H. Proctor of the Hong Kong Bank by Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master, in which he was requested to supply a specimen signature of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black. These should have been handed over to the Court and not to Mr. Jenkin. Probably Mr. Proctor did not know and he should be informed. Mr. Potter asked that the error be rectified at once.

MR. JENKIN EXPRESSES REGRET.

Mr. Jenkin expressed his regret and said that if a misunderstanding had arisen out of his cross-examination on the point in question, it was his fault. He had probably misled the gentlemen of the Press and was sorry for it.

His Lordship ordered that the specimen signatures and the photographs of them be returned at once. Mr. Jenkin said that he would do so at the first opportunity.

BIOGRAPHY OF CARVALHO YEO?

Before proceeding with the case, Mr. Jenkin said that he also had two points to mention. The first of which was the announcement by a local newspaper of the intended publication of the life of Carvalho Yeo, who, it was stated, had made several disclosures relating to various matters pertaining to the procedure adopted in Government offices.

Mr. Jenkin said that he was surprised and if there was any story to be published it should be from the accused. The latter had no access to pressmen and he (counsel), therefore, had no knowledge how the paper in question could get a first hand account of the life of the accused.

Another matter which Mr. Jenkin mentioned was the difficulty experienced by himself and the solicitor instructing him to get permission to interview the prisoner in the goal. He said that he and his solicitor were informed that such permission should come from his Lordship. In all his years of legal experience he had never heard of such a procedure and in the past whenever he wished to see a prisoner, all he had to do was to sign an application in the goal.

His Lordship said that Mr. Jenkin and his solicitor could interview prisoner at any time they wished.

Mr. Potter said that the defence could have any facility they wanted. He was quite prepared to allow them to interview the prisoner at any time.

Tsang On Wing Cross-examined.

Tsang On Wing continued his evidence in chief yesterday afternoon when the case was resumed. In answer to Mr. Sheldon he said he had made a report to Mr. Messer of his discovery of the fraud after Mr. Tsang Man Kun had been to the bank and not after Mr. Black had returned from the bank as stated on a previous day. Witness also made some corrections, as to his statement in respect to the tail of his "Y" and that the down stroke was thinner than the up stroke.

Rising to cross-examine, Mr. Jenkin said: "With you rested the sole decision as to ordering new cheque books?—Yes."

You have been in the Government service about 14 years?—Exactly 14 years, of which 8 years were in the Treasury.

During that period you have been freely conversing in English with the European officials?—Yes.

When you ordered a new cheque book, it also rested with you as to the number of cheques you required?—Yes.

Did you make any record of the number of cheques ordered?—Not just year, but lately yes.

In the year 1927 you made no record of the number of cheques ordered or the date when ordered?—No.

You would order a cheque book on the application form extracted from the previous cheque book?—Yes.

You would take that form to Mr. Messer to sign?—By a messenger.

On receipt of the cheque book from the bank, did you check up the cheques to see if they tallied with the number you had ordered?—Yes.

How?—Sometimes I checked it by looking at the number on the first cheque and the number on the last, and sometimes I counted them.

Perhaps Some Missing?

Having received the book from the bank and counted all the cheques, do you make a record?—No.

Why not?—I have always carried along in this way.

You would then send the book to the bank to be printed?—Yes.

Do you keep a record of the cheques you send to be printed?—No, I have never done that at all. That's the practice of the department, I suppose. It was left to me by my predecessor.

When the book comes back from the goal would you check to see if the right number of cheques had come back?—No.

Why not?—Because work done by another Government department I always take to be correct.

So that for all you knew, by having no record, a book might come back with some cheques missing?—Perhaps so.

When you check a book, on receipt from the bank, either by the first and end numbers or by counting them, do you check the numbers on the cover too?—Yes.

And until the occurrence under review you had never seen the numbers on the cover differ from the cheques?—No.

So that up to this occurrence all cheque books were in perfectly good order?—Yes.

And because they come in perfectly good order you accept them as perfect?—Yes.

When you get a book back from the goal, you do not put it into immediate use?—No.

Where do you put it? In a safe in the General Office.

You keep it as a reserve book?—Yes, in a shelf in which the current cheque book is also kept.

So that every time you take out the current cheque book, you would also see the reserve book?—Yes, because other books kept there would screen it from sight.

Sole Custodian Of Government Cheques.

You were the sole custodian and safeguard of Government cheques?—Yes.

Did you every day when beginning business and closing up for the day see the reserve book?—No.

So for all you know it might be missing?—If it was missing I would not have noticed it.

Sometimes the reserve cheque book would be lying in the safe for three weeks and would not be in use?—Yes.

During that period you would not know if it were in the safe or not?—No, if there were no books in the safe I might notice it.

Your practice is that when you start on a new book you order another one at once?—Sometimes at once and sometimes two or three days later.

Producing the cover of cheque book "E," Mr. Jenkin asked: If that cover had been altered as it is altered now, you would have noticed it when it came from the bank?—Yes.

When did you first discover that the numbers had been altered?—I can't remember the exact date, but it was at the time when I brought it out to use and ordered another book.

Having seen the alteration what did you do?—I thought it was a mistake made by the bank.

Was that all you thought?—Yes, at that moment.

Did you look through the book to see why it was altered?—No.

All you thought was then that the bank had sent some cheques short?—Yes.

Initials Good Enough.

Why by merely looking at the cover of the book did you conclude that the bank had sent some cheques short?—Because I saw some initials there.

How many cheques did you think were short?—Thirty.

Mr. Tsang, if the bank had made the alteration because there were thirty cheques short, the alteration would be in the last three digits, would it not be so?—Yes, it should be so.

There was no necessity to alter the two lots of numbers, was there?—No, but I did not think of it at the time.

You knew perfectly well that you had checked the book when it came from the bank and you knew it was in its complete form?—Yes.

Then how could you come to the conclusion that the bank had changed the numbers because there were some cheques short?—Because of the initials on the cover.

That is the best answer you can give?—Yes, the best answer.

The alteration and the initials were good enough for you?—Yes, at that moment.

When did you think that there should be something more to satisfy you?—On January 15th.

So from November 30th until January 15th you never thought of the matter again?—Yes.

Did you consult anybody on November 30th when the discovery of the fraud was made?—No.

This was the first time anything of the kind had occurred during your 8 years with the Treasury?—Yes.

Now yes or no, did you discuss the matter with anybody?—No.

Mr. Black, your immediate superior, has his desk a few yards away from you, and your assistant sits next to you?—Yes.

Missing Cheques—No Importance.

You all were in contact with Mr. Black?—Yes.

Why did you not speak to him about it?—Because sometime I was busy and sometime he was.

Were there other reasons?—Yes, I also came to the conclusion that the bank had sent the cheques short.

In other words, you attached no importance to it at all?—Yes.

If that book had arrived with 100 cheques short, would you have done anything about it?—I could order an extra book.

If the book had arrived and after sometime you had found there were 100 cheques short, what would you do?—I would have informed Mr. Black.

If the numbers had been altered?—I would also inform him.

Now I am referring to book "F." Yes or no, when you started to use that book on December 20th, was the number altered?—I can't remember.

Do you mean to say that you had been using the book two days without noticing the alteration of numbers on the cover?—I don't think I have noticed it.

Look here, Mr. Tsang, you told us unquestionably that when you put that book into the safe you saw the numbers were not altered?—Yes.

And I put it to you that when you took the book out of the safe, you would also have noticed the alteration, if any?—Yes, that would be so.

Then, why not in this case. What happened to your eyes in the meantime?—I do not pay attention to numbers.

You, as a custodian, would notice it when putting the book into the safe, but when taking it out, you might miss it?—The placing and taking the book out of the safe is done by an office boy.

Now are you certain that when the book was put into the safe, the numbers were not altered?—Yes.

Was Alteration Made By The Bank Overnight?

Now when taking the book out of the safe you would have noticed the alteration, if any?—Yes.

You may therefore take it as definite and certain that when the book was taken out of the safe on December 20th, no numbers were altered?—Yes.

Now you had that book in use the whole of December 20th?—Yes.

Is the book left on the desk when you go home for the night?—Yes, it would be on the desk and there is no special guard placed over it, excepting a constable on duty outside the office.

So during the use of this book on December 20th, there was no alteration in the numbers, otherwise you would have discovered it?—Yes, you may take it so.

You also had this book in use on December 21st?—Yes.

We may also take it that there was no alteration, otherwise you would have noticed it too?—Yes.

Now on December 22nd, you discovered the numbers were altered?—Yes.

Now this is the second occurrence of numbers being altered, what did you think about it?—I thought it was a case like the previous one. Now do you mean that, Mr. Tsang?—Yes.

Will you tell us how the bank could alter that book between the evening of December 21st and the morning of December 22nd?—I did not say it was altered by the bank. I only thought that I might have noticed it. Certainly the bank could not have altered it during that period.

Now do you stand there and say that the cheques came from the bank short?—I only meant this, that when I first received it from the bank there was no alteration on the cover.

Yes or No, when you discovered the alteration on December 22nd you concluded that the bank had sent thirty cheques short?—I did.

Then they must have done it overnight?—I can't say definitely when it was altered, and all along I paid no particular attention to the book's cover.

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Now here is your receipt to the bank for 600 cheques. Do you now go back on your sworn evidence that the bank had sent 30 cheques short?—I still say that the bank had sent thirty cheques short to me.

Do you still say that you have sworn definitely here that when the book was received, and checked by you, mind you, the alteration was not made?—When you put the question to me as to whether I had found it correct, I say yes. I did not notice the alteration on December 20th and 21st.

Luckily, your evidence has been recorded by the learned judge and heard by the gentlemen of the jury. How could the book go back to the bank and have the numbers altered?—I never thought of it.

No, the thing is impossible. Nobody in his right senses would entertain such an idea?—I agree.

Is it your evidence now that when you checked that book you did not see whether or no the cover was in order?—No, I did.

And was it in order?—It was.

If you are as certain of it, as you are to-day, you would be as certain of this fact on December 20th and 21st?—I am certain.

Then did you know on December 22nd, when you made the discovery, that the book had arrived in an unaltered form?—Yes.

Then something must have happened to that book's cover?—I dare not say so.

When you discovered that you must have thought that there was something funny about it?—I should have done so.

Blank Cheques Are Of No Use.

Did you do so?—At that time I did not think so.

When did you?—On January 15th.

How did it strike you as the custodian of Government cheques? I placed no importance to the matter because blank cheques are of no use to anyone without the signatures.

I put it to you that it was your bounden duty to report the matter to Mr. Black?—Yes, I should have done so, but at the time I attached no importance to the matter.

The case will be continued on Monday morning.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.

On November 22nd the transport *Somersetshire* left Singapore for Bombay via Colombo.

H.M.S. *Suffolk* arrived at Kobe from Takamatsu.

On November 23rd H.M.S. *Kent*, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, left Mitsui.

H.M.S. *Concord* with reliefs for the *Chiffa* Station arrived at Gibraltar from Portsmouth.

ROUND THE COURTS.

MAN WHO FINDS PRISON COMFORTABLE.

KOWLOON MAGISTRACY CASE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones sentenced an elderly Chinese, charged with returning from banishment, to twelve months' hard labour.

"I suppose," said the Magistrate to Sub-Inspector James who was prosecuting, "that's what he wants—to get back to gaol." The Inspector agreed adding that it appeared that the defendant had found gaol the most comfortable place to live in.

The defendant, whose age was given as 55, has a police record dating back to 1902 and has served already 22 years' imprisonment. According to his story, when he was deported he went to Macao, and had there heard that his son in the country wanted him to come home. He had come to Hong Kong with the intention of smiling from here to his native village. He could, he told the Magistrate, have gone via Canton but that would have been more expensive. His minor economy has proved costly!

OPIUM IN COURT.

A large quantity of opium was brought into Court as evidence against a Chinese woman who was charged by Revenue Officer Grimmit with possession of 137 taels of the prepared drug found at her premises.

The Magistrate expressed an opinion that in all probability the woman was a scapegoat, but the Sergeant said she had accepted responsibility. A fine of \$2,500 or twelve months' hard labour was imposed.

AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

K.O.S.B. PRIVATE AGAIN REMANDED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell, Private James Boyle, of the K.O.S.B., was again remanded for one week. Boyle appeared last week on a charge of attempted murder of Sergeant Kery on board the *Somersetshire* on October 20th. His Worship enquired if there were any news of the progress of the wounded man. Inspector Lane answered that they had no news.

MONEY FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

"The Government is getting rich," said Mr. Lindell, when he was informed that a Chinese woman who had been arrested on Thursday for possession of opium had failed to appear, after lodging bail of \$1,200. The necessary order for the bail to be estreated was made.

Another case heard earlier in the morning was that of a Chinese, also arrested for possession of opium, who had forfeited his bail of \$50 by failing to appear in Court.

MR. McELDERRY LEAVING HONG KONG.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT IN TANGANYIKA.

Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, who has been appointed Chief Deputy Secretary of Tanganyika will probably leave here by the P. & O. s.s. *Naldora* on December 22nd. Mr. McElderry is at present on local leave and has completely recovered from the slight indisposition which recently kept him in hospital for about a month. The post in Tanganyika is of very considerable importance and means that when either the Colonial Secretary or the Governor of that district is on leave, Mr. McElderry will become Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. McElderry, who is Assistant Colonial Secretary came to Hong Kong as a Government cadet in December, 1909. After two years in Canton studying the language he was made Acting Assistant District Officer, in the Northern District of the New Territory. He served successively as Acting Deputy Registrar and Appraiser, Supreme Court, and also Deputy Registrar and Accountant, Acting First Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Acting Assistant District Officer, Southern District, New Territories, before being seconded for duty in the Colonial Office and later for military service.

Mr. McElderry returned to the Colony in 1910, and was made Acting Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. In August, 1920, he was attached to the Colonial Secretariat and later became Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils. In 1922 he was seconded for service in the Secretariat of the League of Nations (Opium Section) and since then he has filled the posts of Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, District Officer, Southern District, Acting Second Police Magistrate and Acting First Police Magistrate and Coroner. In 1927 he went on leave and represented Hong Kong at the Colonial Office Conference in London in November of that year.

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CHINA AND THE HORSE.

PROFESSOR HINTON in his interesting lecture at the University, on growth of population and some of the factors, which effect it, pointed out that in China the population steadily increased under the rule of the Manchu dynasty until the time of the Taiping Rebellion, and since then has been stationary.

Dr. SUN YAT SEN, it will be remembered, held that the Chinese were a dying people, but the Father of the Republic probably made the statement in a moment of pessimistic eloquence. The first and obvious inference is that contact with the West, which dates in appreciable extent, from about sixty years ago, has arrested China's development. The view is useful for certain party political purposes in China and abroad but it has not very much relation to truth. Westernism, to use a general term, is not disruptive, and it is to forces within China more than to those from without that one must look for the cause of her distress.

In Japan contact with the West has had a precisely opposite effect. A static population has been doubled in forty years and her problems of overcrowding and unemployment are those of Europe and the United States. In India

where the masses have accepted British rule with a placidity which leaves the country fundamentally unchanged the population increases very slowly. There are no wars, brigands, devastating plagues or famines as severe as when railways and waterways were not open for the transport of food to stricken areas. India is neither growing like Japan nor in the turmoil of China. In Java, another ancient and well stabilised civilization, the population has grown, prosperity is phenomenal and the blending of Eastern and Western cultures has, on the whole, been more successful than in any other part of the world.

These four instances bring one back to the necessity of looking more to China herself than to the few treaty ports and concessions for the explanation of the Republic and the Revolution. Professor HINTON quoted the Malthusian theory of the rise and fall of population. Population will increase with the power to produce food and other necessities. But once started the population is likely to go on increasing after the production limit has been reached. This creates a surplus population, and brings in its train problems of unemployment, and poverty which weaken the central government and express themselves in war, epidemics and other checks. A time comes when the remaining population is able to support itself and then dictators, statesmen and strong dynasties are able to set the country once more in order.

As stated, in China, the maximum population was reached about the time of the Taiping rebellion and the population has since outgrown the inelastic social and agricultural system. The disorders can, in fact, be traced to an agriculture dependant upon man power. What China needs, says Professor HINTON, is the assistance of the horse, which Europe has always enjoyed, and, if possible, agricultural machinery. Then farms could be increased in size, new ground cultivated, stock raised and a rotation of crops grown instead of the perpetual padi. With the horse as her ally China could become contented prosperous and well governed. It is by the way, a chastening thought that Europe probably owes more to that good friend of man, the horse, than to all her kings, statesmen and philosophers.

Dr. Cyril H. Burton resumes practice at Union Building, Pedder Street, on Monday, November 26th.

—ADVT.

The *Empress of France*, which left Singapore on Wednesday at 4 p.m., is due in Hong Kong tomorrow morning.

One case of small-pox (a Panama Republic subject) and one case each of diphtheria, enteric and cerebrospinal fever (all Chinese) were reported yesterday.

In connection with the Yacht Club cruise over the week-end, we are asked to state that the "Snipe" will be available for small boat owners to sleep in.

A Chinese was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour by Major C. Wilson yesterday morning. He pleaded guilty to the larceny of one tin of tobacco from H.M.S. *Thracian*.

Information has been received from the British Consul at Amoy and from the Colonial Secretary, Singapore, that Hong Kong has been declared infected on account of small-pox.

Christmas letter mail via Siberia for Great Britain will be closed in the G.P.O. at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, the 30th inst., per *Chienan* steamer. This mail should reach London about December 21st.

Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, proposes visiting the Dutch East Indies at the end of the year on his flagship, the cruiser *Kent*, which will be accompanied by the cruisers *Berwick* and *Suffolk*.

Mrs. Tallon, of 11, Cameron Road, has reported to the Police that at some time between 2.30 p.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. on Thursday some person entered her bedroom and stole jewellery value at \$200. Two house coolies are suspected.

Mr. A. Kirk, of the P.W.D., has been appointed to a post in Colombo. Mr. Kirk has been in the Government Service since 1921 and is at present Engineer-in-Charge of the Valuation and Resumption Office. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and daughter will leave by the *Empress of Canada* next week.

Appearing, on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday morning Wong Sing Pan who is on bail on a charge of practising as a doctor, was remanded again for one week because Detective Inspector Lane, who is prosecuting, is required at the Criminal Sessions in connection with the treasury fraud case.

Fung Yee Choi, alias Fung Long, who died at No. 51, Des Vaux Road West, on February 2nd, this year, left Hong Kong estate to the value of \$9,100. Probate has been granted to a son, Fung To Lul, living at No. 51, Des Vaux Road West, who is the sole executor, and to whom the management of the estate is handed.

A debate on the motion that "a young people's club with membership open to both sexes be substituted for the present St. Peter's Young Men's Club" is to take place at the Clubhouse on Monday at 8.15 p.m. The motion will be moved by Mr. J. C. L. Wong and seconded by Mrs. A. E. Matthews, whilst the opposition will be in the hands of Mr. A. E. Lea and Mr. T. Lamb.

It has been approved for the armed launches *Faulkner*, *Nesaea*, and *Onslaught*, now employed on the China Station, to be paid off in sufficient time for return to their owners, on the expiry of their respective agreements. The *Nesaea* will probably be paid off in May, 1929, and the other two in March. These launches were taken up for river service in October and November, 1928, after the action at Wanchien, and have rendered useful work. There are now more craft available for such duty owing to the transfer of the gunboats *Aphis* and *Ladybird* from the Mediterranean and the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla from Rosyth.

The Board of Nomination of the Presbyterian Church of England, which met in London on October 24th, unanimously agreed to nominate the Foreign Missions Secretary of the Church, the Rev. Patrick J. MacLagan, D.Phil., as the Moderator for the General Assembly in Manchester in May next. Dr. MacLagan, after a distinguished university course in Edinburgh, was ordained in 1888 as a missionary to Swatow. There he remained 27 years, contributing largely by his mastery of the language and philosophy of China to the building up of the Christian Church in South China. Since his return in 1915 he has been Foreign Missions Secretary of his Church. His Duff missionary lectures in 1926 were published under the title of "Chinese Religious Ideas."

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WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, at 5.10 p.m. yesterday state:—

The anti-cyclone is central over South-west Japan. The typhoon is crossing the Visayas in a westerly direction. Strong monsoon may be expected over the North China Sea and cyclonic gales over the eastern portion of the South China Sea. Local forecast: North-east winds, fresh, fine.

MARSHAL LI'S BIG BANQUET.

PLANS FOR REDUCTION OF ARMIES.

POLITICAL COUNCIL TO REMAIN.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Nov. 23rd.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin gave last night an elaborate banquet at Government House to all the high officials of the Canton regime. During the course of it he outlined briefly his programme of reforms and improvements for Kwangtung. He conferred with his colleagues and subordinates on the plans of army reduction in the Liang Kwang Provinces, and finally touched upon the problems of rehabilitation and material reconstruction for Kwangtung. Regarding troop disbandment he said:—

"With the consummation of the Nationalist Revolution, and the unification of the country, the most pressing problem before the Government is the problem of army reduction. The military expenditure thus saved will be devoted to constructive enterprises, such as the deepening of rivers, the construction of highways, the promotion of industries, etc."

"While I was still in Nanking, I conferred time and again with the Nationalist Government in regard to the problem of army reduction in the Liang Kwang Provinces. It was decided, in accordance with the plans of the Nationalist Government, to reduce the five armies in these two provinces to five shih or divisions. However, all will be settled at the Military Conference which I shall convene within a few days."

DISBANDED TROOPS.

The Marshal then went on to talk about what to be done with the disbanded troops. He said this is also a big problem, considering the nature of the men who had been in uniform for years. They can be given money and go home if they desire, and if they cannot find any work at home, they can always be employed by the Government in road construction.

Continuing, the Marshal said that there will be no changes in the Provincial Government, notwithstanding persistent rumours to the contrary. However, due to the resignation of Mr. Liu Tsai Po, Commissioner of Civil Affairs, a change will be made in this Department. Commissioner Liu has just tendered his resignation to Marshal Li because of the recurrence of some disease in his head. The Marshal has already accepted his resignation and the retiring Commissioner will shortly sail for Shanghai for medical treatment. It is not known who will take his place. The Marshal is anxious that General Chen Ming Shu take up the job and concurrently be the Chairman of the Provincial Council, but the General who is now in Canton has so far declined both offers.

Marshal Li emphatically denied that there will be any changes in either the Department of Finance or the Department of Reconstruction. He said that both Fung Cho Man, the Finance Commissioner, and Ma Chiu Tsoun, the Reconstruction Commissioner, are men of integrity and should be retained.

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BATHS FOR CANTON BEGGARS.

POPULARITY OF NEW SCHOOL.

NO MORE WORRIES.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, November 23rd.

Shattering all previous expectations, the Canton Beggars' School has now enrolled 1,450, and a good portion of these destitute people came to the School voluntarily. They came in after they were told that they would not have to worry any more about their meals, clothing and lodging.

With this exceedingly large number of mendicants withdrawn from the streets of Canton, one would be inclined to believe that the city is at last free from these "parasites of society, obstacles to street traffic and blemishes." This was at least the initial intention of the Government authorities, who thought that they had solved the mendicant problem through the establishment of this free School. But our representative still saw many beggars, mostly women carrying infants on their back, on the streets when he went from one end of the city to the other. These female beggars do not speak the Cantonese dialect. Questioned by our correspondent, they said they came from Northern Kwangtung and Southern Hunan, being driven here by distress caused by banditry and Communist ravages. Our correspondent then told them of the Canton Beggars' School and urged them to go there, thus putting an end to their mendicant profession. They smiled and said they would be glad to avail themselves of such an opportunity.

Forthwith they went to a policeman for directions to get to the School. But it is not known whether or not the School can accommodate any more, in view of its limited space and equipment.

LEARNING TRADES.

Mr. Wong Fun Tin is the Principal of Canton Beggars' School and all the work is done under his personal direction. Each mendicant coming into the institution is made to take a thorough bath, change his clothes and shave his hair. If their old clothes are still good and wearable, they are washed and boiled, otherwise they are consigned to the fire.

These unfortunate people, or fortunate people rather, are now compelled to learn a trade of some sort. Rattan chair making, shoe making, writing chalk making and basket making are among some of the things done at the School. Then in addition to all this, each "student" has to learn to read and write. The *San Min Chu I* and other writings of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen form also a part of the school curriculum. It is the aim of the Canton authorities to transform the lives of these mendicants and social outcasts, so that they may some day become good citizens of China.

CANTON AVIATOR AT PEKING.

FLIGHT TO MUKDEN?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Nov. 23rd.

The Cantonese airman, General Cheung Wai Jung, who has flown from Canton to Hankow, Nanking and Peking, interviewed by *Reuter* to-day regarding his future plans, said he hopes to receive an invitation from General Chang Hsueh Liang to go to Mukden.

In the event of such invitation being received, he will fly to Mukden on Monday, after which he will return to Canton via Tientsin. He also stated that he intends later to attempt a non-stop flight from Canton to Peking.

The Invitation.

General Chang Hsueh Liang has extended an official invitation to Cheung Wai Jung to make a flight to Mukden.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN CONSTABLE.

ASSAULT ON DEAF INARTICULATE GIRL.

DIFFICULTY OF PROCEDURE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, November 23rd.

The Indian constable who is being charged with a serious offence against a young Chinese girl on the hillside near Kowloon City on October 17th appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynn-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted on behalf of the Crown and Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., appeared for the defence.

Dr. Isaac Newton, Medical Officer in charge of the Kowloon Hospital, said that he examined the complainant on October 17th.

The girl appeared to be stone deaf and her speech was utterly unintelligible except to the mother. All communication with the girl was made through her mother; the girl obviously being capable of lip reading only from the mother. Witness examined her, but she appeared to be very frightened. According to the mother the girl was unmarried but witness was unable to get this from the girl. The result of the examination was consistent with the complaint. Beyond the fact that the girl was a dumb-mute she was perfectly normal.

Mother The Only Interpreter.

Plans of the district where the alleged offence was stated to have occurred having been put in the complainant was then called to give evidence, her mother acting as interpreter. This was subject to protest by the defence who objected to the mother as the interpreter and to the procedure. "Such an interpreter could not be unbiased," said defending counsel.

Several attempts were then made by the Chinese interpreter to converse with the girl. She was inarticulate and appeared to be frightened and stupid. She entirely failed to understand the interpreter. The mother of the girl was then told to give her evidence of what her daughter had told her.

Wong Lin, the mother, said that on the morning of October 17th she had sent her daughter on the hillside to cut grass. Her daughter returned at about noon and made a complaint that she had been seized by an Indian. At this juncture, the whole Court, which was crowded, was cleared.

Continuing, the mother said that her daughter told her that she had been seized by an Indian and threatened by a revolver when she struggled. The Indian left the girl who returned home crying. Her daughter told her that there were two Indians. One, a young man, stood by and did nothing, the other committed the offence. The offender was described to witness as one of the Indians who are usually seen on patrol.

The defence protested that evidence of the complaint about the alleged offence was already given and further testimony was unnecessary.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that it was of the utmost importance that the assailant be described as a policeman.

Witness said that the girl cried bitterly and threatened to kill her self. To appease her, witness took her to the Police Station where she reported the matter.

The hearing was adjourned.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending November 17th states:—

Plague.

Basseterre: 2 deaths.
Bangkok: 1 case, 1 death.
Pnom Penh: 1 case, 1 death.
Five infected rats found in Zone 3 in Bombay.

Cholera.

Calcutta: 38 deaths.
Madras: 31 deaths.
Pondicherry: 3 deaths.
Bangkok: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Saigon: 1 case.
Canton: 1 case.

Small-pox.

Aden: 1 case.
Basseterre: 14 cases.
Bombay: 1 case, 1 death.
Madras: 20 cases, 4 deaths.
Negapatnam: 6 cases, 2 deaths.
Pondicherry: 1 death.
Belawan-Deli: 1 case.

Pnom Penh: 6 cases, 2 deaths.

Shanghai: 21 deaths.

**CHINA WAITS FOR
NEXT STEP.****JAPAN'S WITHDRAWAL OF
TROOPS.****PRESENT DEADLOCK.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Nov. 23rd.
A Foreign Office spokesman has informed *Reuter's* representative that he is constrained to say that the negotiations between Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, and Mr. Yada, the Japanese Consul in Shanghai, have reached a point at which further discussion will take China no nearer the goal.

"In the early stages of the negotiations," said the spokesman, "Mr. Yada was informed that China demanded an announcement or agreement regarding the definite date of the withdrawal of Japanese forces from Shantung. Mr. Yada said he would notify his Government and would answer Dr. Wang when he had received formal instructions from Tokyo."

"During Mr. Yada's second visit to Nanking, he said he had not received definite instructions, and at the meeting with Dr. Wang on Wednesday last he gave the same reply."

"Therefore, it is our belief that further negotiations will be futile so far as a settlement of the principal issues is concerned."

It is stated that upon a satisfactory reply being received from Japan in regard to the withdrawal of troops, China will be prepared to continue the negotiations.

A TURNING POINT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Nov. 23rd.
A semi-official message states that, on the occasion of Mr. Yada's first visit to Nanking in October, the basis of settlement of the various outstanding issues relating to treaty revision, and the Tsinan, Nanking, and Hankow incidents was discussed, and some definite understanding with a few points of variance was reached. The outstanding question, however, was the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung, and on this question Mr. Yada on November 10th said he had received no instructions from the Government.

On last Thursday afternoon the Foreign Minister received the identical negative reply from Mr. Yada, at which Mr. Wang intimated that negotiations had reached a stage when further conversations would bring the settlements no nearer, unless Japan consents to set a definite time for her withdrawal from Shantung. This however should not be construed as signifying that negotiations between China and Japan are broken off.

NO MORE CONCESSIONS.

(Tsun Wan Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 23rd.
According to a statement made by a spokesman of the Nanking Foreign Office, the Sino-Japanese negotiations have come to a standstill. If the Japanese Government is able to give a satisfactory reply regarding the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung the Nationalist Government will be willing to enter into further negotiations with Mr. Yada. China's demand for the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung is quite justified, and the Nationalist Government is not prepared to make any further concessions to Japan.

Over three hundred petitions have been received by the Foreign Office at Nanking from the people in various provinces demanding that a firm attitude be taken in dealing with Japan over the Tsinan affair and the problem of treaty revision.

Mr. Yada has telegraphed to Tokyo reporting the present conditions in the negotiations with Dr. C. T. Wang. As soon as he receives further instructions he will resume negotiations with Dr. Wang.

Return To Shanghai.

Mr. Yada returned to Shanghai this morning for the purpose of continuing the negotiations with Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nanking Financial Minister, over the tariff problem.

**JAPAN'S POLICY
UNCHANGED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Nov. 23rd.
Discussing the latest phase of the Japanese negotiations the Foreign Office spokesman admitted that the Government hoped that Mr. Yada's party with Dr. Wang would result in further progress, and stated that there was no reason for pessimism. He emphasized the fact that Japan's attitude was unchanged despite Kihara's remarks on the necessity of a stronger policy.

**FILM OF SCOTT'S
EXPEDITION.****PURCHASE FOR THE NATION.****BIG OFFER BY UNITED
STATES.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 23rd.
The famous cinematographic record of the late Captain Scott's expedition to the South Pole was yesterday purchased for the nation. It will be held in custody by the British Empire Film Institute, and is the first film to be acquired. Efforts had been made by the American Museum to acquire the film, £50,000 being offered for it.

Mr. Herbert Ponting, photographer to Scott's expedition and owner of the film, was, however, willing to accept a considerably smaller sum in order to preserve it for Britain.

Arrangements are being made for its exhibition throughout Britain, the Dominions and Colonies, and a contract has already been made for its display in the United States. As a background to this remarkable photographic record there are the well-known stories of Captain Scott's death and Captain Oates' self-sacrifice as outstanding episodes in the history of polar exploration.

**BELGIAN TREATY WITH
CHINA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Nov. 23rd.
The terms of the new Treaty between China and Belgium which was signed here yesterday, have not been divulged. It is believed that the tariff provisions are the same as in the new Sino-American Treaty. The Treaty also deals with extraterritoriality and it is understood that Belgium had stated her willingness to relinquish extraterritorial rights as soon as China's judicial system gains complete independence from politics.

CIVIL WAR.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 23rd.
Serious civil war has broken out in Kweichow between General Chow Shih Cheng, dictator of the province under appointment from Nanking, and General Li Hsin who appears to be backed by the Han-Kow military group. There is heavy fighting around Chingwen.

THE CALENDAR.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 23rd.
The Ministry of Interior, Nanking, has issued an order urging the Chinese people to adopt the Gregorian calendar instead of the lunar calendar. The use of the lunar date along with the Gregorian in all documents is forbidden.

JOY-RIDING IN PEKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Nov. 22nd.
Last night, a number of soldiers boarded the tramcars and assaulted the drivers and ticket-collectors. After the assaults were over, the tram employees demanded from the authorities an assurance that there would be no further incidents of the kind.

These assurances were not forthcoming, and the employees, therefore, ran the trams to-day without collecting fares.

Half the city was joy-riding.**NAVAL CONGRATULATIONS
TO JAPAN.****EMPEROR'S APPRECIATION.**

The following message was sent to the British Naval Attaché at Tokyo on November 10th, on the occasion of the enthronement of the Emperor of Japan, by the British Naval Commander-in-Chief:

"Please ask the Minister of Marine to convey my humble duty to His Imperial Majesty on behalf of His Britannic Majesty's Forces in China and to express our humble and respectful congratulations on this auspicious occasion."

The following reply was received from the Naval Attaché:
"Your telegram dated November 10th. Minister of Marine requests you may be informed your message of congratulation was laid before His Imperial Majesty on the afternoon of November 13th and that he has now been informed through His Majesty's A.D.C. that His Imperial Majesty received it with great satisfaction."

**PREMIER'S PRAISE
OF CHAMBERLAIN.****LEADER OF EUROPEAN
RAPPROCHEMENT.****FRIENDLIER SPIRIT.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 23rd.
The Prime Minister, who addressed a party meeting at Glasgow last night, devoted his speech mainly to the discussion of domestic affairs. He prefaced his remarks however with a brief review of the changes effected in the international situation in the past four years.

These years, he said, had seen a Europe which had been divided in two to hostile camps become at one rate a united Europe to this extent, that there was no longer any definition of allies or enemies, but a spirit bringing all countries, irrespective of the past, into closer contact and into amiable discussion—a communion designed to help Europe as a whole to meet the future.

No individual had contributed more to that than Sir Austen Chamberlain. The League of Nations had played its part in this, that the statesmen of Europe had now become accustomed in place of hurling dispatches at one another across the frontier to meet in friendly converse. They had learned by that that other nations had a point of view which was not only worthy in itself of consideration, but which must be considered if there was to be any possibility of agreement on outstanding questions.

That might seem to those trained in business methods platitudinous and elementary. It had taken the great war to teach the statesmen in Europe that lesson. There was today in Europe a spirit of give and take which was absent before the war. To have reached such a state of things within ten years of the war was an achievement that held hope of future betterment, amelioration and happiness for the people of Europe.

**VOLUNTEER FORCES IN
CHINA.****APPEAL FOR LOCAL ACTION.****CHINA ASSOCIATION DINNER.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 22nd.
Sir Cecil Clementi, the Governor of Hong Kong, was among the guests at the annual dinner of the China Association in London today, at which Mr. Stanley Dodwell presided.

The principal speaker was Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the Secretary of State for War, who, after paying a warm tribute to the Shanghai Defence Force, said that while it was being decreased, the local forces would have to be increased and made sufficiently strong to be able to do a great deal more in their own defence in a moment of emergency.

The British Government was not complaining at present, but at the same time it felt that what could be done locally should be done. Sir Laming Worthington-Evans added that it was up to those with great interests in China to do what they could to defend those interests.

Referring to the present situation and China's relations with the Powers, the Minister for War said the Government had no desire to keep China in a position of inequality and did not desire to prevent her exercising her rights as a nation as long as any new tariffs imposed, were not discriminatory, were regular, were known and legal.

Other guests at the function included Sir Charles Addie, Sir Francis Aglen, former Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and General Sir John Duncan.

**U.S. FINANCIER AND
SPORTSMAN.****DEATH OF PAYNE WHITNEY.****FABULOUS WEALTH.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 22nd.
Mr. Payne Whitney, the famous American financier and sportsman, who died in June, 1897, left a fortune of \$40,000,000, which is stated to be the largest in the history of the U.S. Tax Bureau.

No less than \$45,000,000 has been bequeathed to educational causes and various charities. The widow, Mrs. Helen Whitney, authoress and poetess, receives the income from a sum of \$54,000,000 for life, the remainder of the vast estate being divided between relatives. In addition to some special bequests.

**STRANDING OF S.S.
"KWANGSE."****CAPTAIN'S RESIGNATION
DEMANDED.****SECOND OFFICER DIS-
MISSED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 23rd.
The *Evening News* states that Captain William Noon of the s.s. *Kwangse*, which went ashore at Ping Rock on October 31st, has been asked by the China Navigation Company to tender his resignation. F. G. Garrett, the Second Officer, whose certificate was suspended by the Naval Court of Inquiry, is dismissed with the privilege of transportation to England on the first available vessel.

**SECRETARY FOR WAR'S
CONSTITUENCY.****SAFE SEAT NEAR LONDON.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 22nd.
Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, to-day announced to the Colchester Conservative Association his decision not to stand for re-election for that constituency at the coming General Election.

In his letter he states that his health is not strong enough to enable him to do his work as Minister of War and to look after a country constituency.

At the last Election, he won the seat in a straight fight with Labour by a majority of 3,330. It is understood that a safe seat is to be found for him nearer London.

**NO CHANCE OF PENNY
POSTAGE.****HUGE LOSS TO TREASURY.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 22nd.
Hopes of the reduction of the stamp duty on letters from I.D. to the old rate of 1d. were shattered by an announcement made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Churchill stated that, contrary to recent reports, there was no intention to revert to penny postage for letters in the near future.

He added that the re-introduction of penny postage on the present basis would entail a loss to the Treasury estimated at between £6,750,000 and £7,250,000.

MR. GEORGE H. JONES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 22nd.
The death is announced of Mr. George H. Jones, Chairman of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

**AIRMEN'S WIVES SEE
HUSBANDS' CRASH.****ACCIDENT ON A GOLF
COURSE.**

[STOCKPORT, Oct. 21st.]

Two women playing golf on the Bramhall Park Club's links near here this afternoon saw an airplane in which their husbands were "stunting" suddenly stall and crash on the seventh green not far from them.

The occupants of the machine, which belonged to the Lancashire Aero Club, were Mr. R. E. H. Caldecott, the pilot, and Mr. W. Ramsden. Both were seriously injured. They are both members of the golf club where they crashed, and had been playing in the morning.

Mrs. Caldecott was among the first to dash to the scene, "an eyewitness said to me. "Her husband, who was easily extricated from the wreckage, was unconscious. She seized hold of his head and cried, 'Caldy, old boy, speak to me!'"

In the meantime the engine by which Mr. Ramsden was trapped in the wrecked cockpit was being lifted away by a number of golfers, who had dropped their clubs and raced to the airplane.

Parts of the wreckage were used as splints for Mr. Ramsden's leg, which had a compound fracture. Mrs. Caldecott was obviously deeply shaken by the experience. She said:

"It was terrifying to see my husband crash. The sound of the impact was so great that I thought I ran to the spot that there was no doubt that he was killed."

**"THE TRUTH OF THE
TRAGEDY."****CAPT. MCCONKEY AS
INTERPRETER.****CHANGES IN "VESTRIS"
ENQUIRY.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 23rd.
A great change in the methods of the *Vestris* enquiry has been noticeable since the outcry in the British Press, and this is largely ascribed by the *New York World* to the introduction of Captain McConkey and Captain Jessop.

Captain McConkey, especially acting as a sort of interpreter, preventing the British witnesses from misunderstanding Attorney Tuttle's American accent and idiom.

Tuttle himself denied to *Reuter* that he was in any way actuated by anti-British motives or that he had any axe to grind. "I am only concerned to arrive at the truth of the sad tragedy," he said.

Former Captain's View.
Captain Bantra, of Messrs. Lamport and Holt, who handed over the command of the s.s. *Vestris* to Captain Carey, her deceased skipper, on November 8th, three days before she foundered, giving evidence at the Federal Inquiry to-day, said that he would have launched the lifeboats if the ship developed a list of thirty degrees.

Mr. Tuttle, the Attorney-General, recalled that Captain Carey sent his first S.O.S. when the ship's list was already 32 degrees, and that witnesses had sworn that the boats were not launched for some time afterwards.

At the conclusion of the testimony of one of the negro stokers, Mr. Tuttle remarked that the evidence hitherto had tended to show that the negro members of the crew displayed a praiseworthy obedience and great bravery throughout.

**NAUGHTY CHILD
PROBLEMS.****GUIDANCE CLINIC FOR
LONDON.****STAFF STUDYING U.S.
METHODS.**

The staff appointed to the Child Guidance Clinic which is to be opened for the L.C.C. school-children next spring is now spending 3 to 6 months in the United States studying American methods of dealing with "difficult" children.

In America there are many of these clinics, and the British staff is studying particularly at the Institute of Child Guidance in New York.

Dr. Moodie, who was deputy superintendent at Maudsley Hospital, is to be medical director of the new clinic; and Dr. Evelyn Lucas will be assistant psychiatrist. Miss Lucy G. Fildes, who has had a great deal of experience with mental and backward children, is to be the psychologist.

When the clinic opens it will be used as a training ground for workers as well as a regional center for the L.C.C. school-children. It is expected that the London School of Economics will start a post-graduate course of psychiatry and use the clinic for practical work. Lectures on psychiatry by Dr. Bernard Hart have already been introduced at the college.

Sir Oliver Lodge's Niece.
The Child Guidance Council has given the opportunity to various types of workers among children in London to go to America just now to study at the clinics. Among them is Miss Warner, Probation Officer at Old-street Police Court, two hospital almoners, and two care committee workers. The medical officer for Willesden has also gone over to see the work, and Dr. Shrubel, of the L.C.C., has returned for a second visit. Mr. J. J. Mallon, warden of Toynbee Settlement, intends to visit the Child Guidance clinics shortly.

Miss Janet Lodge, Sir Oliver Lodge's niece, is taking a course of psychiatry at University College at present with a view to taking up child guidance work. Miss Lodge had been assistant in the Psychology Department at the Edinburgh University and worked under Dr. James Dreyer in experimental psychology. She is now also helping Miss Townsend, a member of the staff of the Child Guidance Council, who is organising social workers for the psychiatric clinics in hospitals.

Miss Horder has been appointed to the London Hospital for this work. The social worker is a very important factor in the child guidance scheme. Her inquiries in America have been known to make the school teacher change her methods. The principal of a school in a rough district had rounded up all her chronic truants and incorrigibles and had brought them to the clinic for reports. In consequence, she changed her method of teaching, reading with surprisingly beneficial results.

**GOVERNMENT RATES
BILL.****BIG LABOUR ATTACK
EXPECTED.****CONTROVERSIAL MEASURE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 22nd.
An important Government measure to carry out a scheme of reform in the rating system, the re-organisation of local government and the readjustment of financial relations between the State and local authorities is coming up in the House of Commons on Monday.

The measure, the Local Government De-rating Bill, aims at the remission of rates on industries, agriculture and counterbalancing taxation. The Government holds the view that the new scheme will promote efficiency and economy in local government, and enable better provision to be made for the health of the people, and those in direct need of assistance.

Labour Objections.
The Labour Party will move an amendment rejecting the Bill on the ground that it perpetuates the evils of the Poor Law system, does not provide for the prevention of destitution, fails to make unemployment a national responsibility, will not appreciably relieve the financial position of necessitous areas, will arrest the normal and steady development of local health services, and will add to the burden of small shopkeepers, householders, and other ratepayers by unfair rating relief.

It is noteworthy that the Bill was recently fiercely attacked by a section of the Conservative Press.

**TRAPS FOR THE
TRICKSTER.****INSURANCE DOCTORS'
METHODS.****CLOSED EYE CLUES TO
FRAUD.**

[BY A PHYSICIAN.]

In a recent police-court case a man who had an abnormal collar-bone was proved to have obtained £2,300 by insurance claims for bogus accidents. It is to be hoped his success will not tempt others to endeavour by faked injuries to exploit insurance companies, for the detection of this form of fraud has by now become almost a scientific certainty.

Only about 2 per cent of compensation claims for injuries are not settled out of court, but were beside the impostor who attempts to deceive a doctor who has once had his suspicions aroused.

The insurance trickster, like the murderer, is usually caught through ignorance of the importance of some minor detail, or through simple carelessness, though instruments for mechanical tests whose ingenuity he would probably describe indignantly as diabolical are also employed.

Until comparatively recent times the serving class was almost the only person who could "go sick" and be excused work without losing his pay or his job. Consequently "swinging the lead" practically began in the Army.

It was the passing of the Workmen's Compensation Acts, however, and the great growth of insurance, that made it appear as a potential source of real profit.

Getting His Finger-prints.
Unfortunately, the strain of keeping up a part all the time is considerable. The man who "goes sick" probably never noticed that the doctor who examined him so carefully had "accidentally" knocked his collar stud off the table, nor that he was watching out of the corner of his eye, while pretending to write a report, to see if he would pick it up. (He did). Nor did another, who could not bring his fingers less than an inch from one another, think that the nicotine stains upon them would give him away.

Again, the finger-prints of one who was suspected as an old hand were obtained by the simple process of shaking hands with him with a slightly oiled hand and then giving him a tumbler to drink out of.

Ludicrous though it may seem, another who complained of loss of sensation in his left hand, asked to say if he felt a needle-prick in it with his eyes closed, said "No." Every time the needle touched him. Closed eyes, indeed, are invaluable in the detection of such frauds. Ask a malingering to touch the tender spot half a dozen times without looking, chalking the point on each occasion, and very often the tell-tale marks will be as much as six inches apart.

It would not be in the public interest to explain the precise working of the instruments used to detect alleged blindness. Suffice it that the results they give are scientifically infallible.

There is sometimes, of course, an honest, confusion, through non-realisation of the fact that, though (Continued at foot of next column.)

**H.M. THE KING'S
ILLNESS.****LATEST BULLETIN.****SLIGHT EXTENSION OF
"MISCHIEF."**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 23rd.
This morning's bulletin states that H.M. the King passed a restless night, his temperature remaining at 101. There is a slight extension of the mischief in the lung but His Majesty's strength is maintained.

Long Consultation.
Late last night, the King's physician, Sir Stanley Hewett, was recalled to Buckingham Palace and arranged to stay the night—Lord Dawson of Penn, and it is believed, a third doctor were summoned.

After a long consultation, the King's physician and his colleagues finally left the Palace at 10.55 a.m.

It was stated officially at Buckingham Palace to-day that the King's condition is perfectly satisfactory, and that while he is confined to his room, he is suffering from nothing worse than a mild cold. It is expected he will have quite recovered within a day or two.

Official Bulletin.
An official bulletin issued by Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hewett this evening states: "The King has spent rather a restless day owing to the persistence of the fever. There is some congestion of one lung."

It is, however, stated at the Palace that in spite of the complications, no anxiety is felt. On the other hand, His Majesty's medical advisers are confident that he will be up and about again within a day or two.

His Majesty's condition is not regarded as sufficiently serious to warrant calling to the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester, and it is understood that there is no question of shortening the tour of the Princes in Africa.

Crowds Outside The Palace.
The approaches to the Palace were to-day thronged by large crowds, bearing strong evidence of the public anxiety regarding His Majesty's condition.

In view of the unusually large crowds, a special reinforcement of police duty was made necessary.

The King, who was 43 years of age in June, leads a very active life and this is the first illness he has had since his attack of influenza about three years ago.

**LINCOLN'S INN AND
SPITALFIELDS.****OPENING CEREMONY BY
QUEEN.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 22nd.
In most trying weather, H.M. the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of York, this afternoon performed two important ceremonies on behalf of the King, opening the fine new extension of the Spitalfields fruit and vegetable market, and inaugurating the restored Old Hall of Lincoln's Inn.

As Her Majesty drove to Spitalfields Market in chilling down-pour, huge crowds all along the route gave her a specially warm and sympathetic ovation.

The Queen was welcomed by Sir Kynaston Studd, the Lord Mayor of London, with a loyal address, and Lord Cromer, who holds the post of Lord Chamberlain, read the speech which His Majesty was to have delivered.

Service To Empire.
In his speech, the King expressed the opinion that if the wonderful new market, which cost over £2,000,000 to build, was securely established as the Chief British centre for the distribution of imported fruit and vegetables, it would be of more than national importance, it would do service to the cause of inter-Imperial trade and to the whole Empire.

The Queen then opened the gates of the great market with a golden key amid an outburst of cheering.

Lincoln's Inn Hall.
Proceeding soon afterwards to Lincoln's Inn, Her Majesty formally opened the Old Hall which was built in Tudor days. She signed the Golden Book, being the first member of the Royal House to do so since Charles II. wrote his name in it.

The old Tudor hall has been rebuilt, and is now identical with its appearance in the reign of Henry VII.

Some abnormal condition has appeared following an injury, it may have no connection with it, but there can be no excuse for such a case as that of the man who drew an annuity for the loss of the use of an arm, while he was appearing at a circus as a professional strong man.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following games are down for decision to-day:

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION.

Semi-Finals.

Kick off at 4 p.m.
Civilian v. Chinese, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Wt. Engr. J. W. Barber; Linemen: Lea, Sen. Crossley and Cpl. Lees.

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division II.

Kick off at 2.45 p.m.

K.O.S.B. Res. v. R.A. Res., Soekunpoo ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

R.A.F. v. South China "B", R.A.F. Park ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.

South China "A" v. Small Units Res., Caroline Hill ground. Referee: Sgt. Gilmour.

University v. Club de Recreio Res., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Royal Navy Reserves v. Kowloon F.C. Reserves, Navy ground. Referee: Sgt. Toms.

The Lai Wah Cup teams:—

Civilian: Clarke, Wynne, and Bishop; Hedley, Stewart, and McKelvie; T. Pile, A. Gosano, Goldman, Rocha, and Brown.

Chinese:—Pau Ka Ping, Ng Kuen Chuen, and Lai Yuk Tat; Leung Yuk Tong, Wong Shui Wah, and Lam Yuk Ying; Tso Kwai Shing, Lai Wai Koon, Fung King Cheong, Suen Kuen Shun, and Chan Kwong Tu.

Five games only in the junior division are fixed for to-day.

The other two games have been postponed (Queen's Reserves and St. Joseph's and China Athletic Reserves and Eastern).

The game between the military teams of the Garrison ground should be a win for the K.O.S.B.

South China "A" should win easily at Caroline Hill.

The game at King's Park should be well fought out with the R.A.F. just winning.

The University are having a trouble to field a full side now owing to the exams. Should they meet the Recreio to-day at Happy Valley, the result is a doubtful one.

The Navy Reserves are due to meet Kowloon at Happy Valley. The Navy should take the points.

KOWLOON RESERVES v. NAVY RESERVES.

The following will represent the Kowloon Res. v. Navy Res. on Navy Ground to-day. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

F. Angus; Nicholls, Hast; Moore, Easterbrook, Robson; Hannan, Moss, Morgan, Blacklock, Eastman. Reserves: King, White.

HOME FOOTBALL.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

CORINTHIAN SIGNS ON FOR BRENTFORD.

N. W. B. Stone, the Bank of England centre-forward, who has signed amateur forms for Brentford, the League, Division III. (Southern Section), club. Stone is a dashing player, nearly 6ft. in height, and weighs 19st.

Doncaster Rovers have signed on as professional their 19-year-old "A" team outside-right, Swaby, a local youngster of promise.

Manchester United are giving a month's trial to John Armstrong, a right half-back, from the Felling Colliery club in the North-Eastern League.

Portsmouth have signed on W. Lanyon, outside-right, from Ayrman, and D. E. Jones, centre-forward, from Troscodew. Both are young and promising players.

Chelsea have signed on F. Higgs, a goalkeeper from Seaton Delaval, as a professional.

Queen's Park Rangers have signed A. Rogers, the inside-left of Southall, as a professional. He has been on the Rangers' books as an amateur for two seasons.

Corr, the popular inside-forward of Park Labour, has signed amateur forms for Aston Villa. Within the few past years Park Labour have supplied the following players to big football: Alan Hall, to Doncaster Rovers and Middlesbrough; Sellers to Rotherham United; and Holmes and Christopher to Doncaster Rovers.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. PICK UP GAME.

There will be a pick up game on the Cricket Club ground to-day at 2 p.m. The two teams will be as follows:

"A" Team:—T. L. Christie, J. D. H. Crawford, Captain A. G. Dobbin, P. R. Duckitt, Captain Evers, E. Jordan, B. P. Massey, Rev. E. Quick (Captain), A. H. Hailton, A. B. Raworth, G. R. Vallock.

"B" Team:—W. B. Cornaby, Major D. Gave, A. H. Gillingham, Captain, A. H. Hamilton, G. P. Lammert, G. E. Livock, O. Moor, R. Oliver, G. Rankin, C. G. Wigglesworth.

FANLING HUNT.

KWANTI STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

(BY EARLY BIRD.)

The Fanling Hunt Steeplechase Meeting opens at Kwanti this afternoon, the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp. I have no doubt a big attendance will be registered as it is quite a long time since we had a steeplechase meeting, and conditions at the moment are ideal for a day in the country.

The usual facilities for transport are available excepting that the small train which previously ran from Fanling Station to the race-course has ceased to exist and instead a fleet of buses have been engaged to convey racegoers to the course at a reasonable charge of 10 cents per trip.

The Entertainment and Cash Sweeps will operate as before and holders of sweep tickets on the big event will have an opportunity of seeing the sweep drawn on the course.

There are six races on the card and the number of entries in each event indicate that fields promise to be large, which will increase the backers' interest. A number of new ponies have been entered which should add additional interest to the meeting.

The course appears to be in very good condition and has shown a wonderful improvement under the watchful eye of the hard working Master Dr. F. Pierce-Grove.

The Jockeys.

Quite a number of jockeys will be available including our old friend Dr. "Loe" Reidy, the crack cross-country rider. Mr. Gilbert Harrison, who was very successful at the last meeting and Mr. A. F. Clark, one of our star performers on the flat will also be seen in the saddle. Mr. R. H. Charles and Mr. A. Hutton-Potts will not be riding at this meeting having decided to give the game a rest for a while.

It is rumoured that H.E. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., and Mrs. Southern and the recently arrived R.A.F. flying boat aviators intend to be present at the meeting.

With the yearly encampment in full swing I have no doubt the services will be well represented and as some of the officers will be riding I am inclined to think that their men will turn up in force to do a little "harracking" for them.

Autumn Maldens.

Burrier who has not been seen for some time is considered the good thing for the "maiden". *Solitaire* if sent out in this event has a very good chance as he is a big raw bond chap who should find the distance just about to his liking. *Social Call* will have the assistance of Mr. Gilbert Harrison who distinguished himself at the last steeplechase meeting when he won on *Witcher*. *Aristophanes* if ridden by Dr. Reidy should run well.

Heavyweight Stakes.

Either one of the "D's" should account for this race. *James Pigg* should run well and *Blotting Paper* can be expected to get a place or even win if he can be induced to complete the course.

Autumn Plate.

Ace of Spades appears to have this race well in hand and providing he is not kept for another engagement he will run the opposition a merry dance and should win easily. *Lock Rannock* is a good old plunger who is slow but is a safe jumper consequently I expect to see him placed. *Stang River* should get a place here.

November Handicap.

Fanling Stag is a certainty for this event if he does not run in the Autumn Stakes. *Aristophanes* may be started here and should be well placed. *Tamerlan* which hails from Canton should about catch the third prize.

Fall Stakes.

James Pigg if he does not succeed in winning earlier may win here. *Dumbell* or *Durham* may catch second place with *Little River* third.

SELECTIONS.

My selections are:—

1st Race.

1. Borderer.

2. Solitaire.

3. Social Call.

2nd Race.

1. Durham or Dumbell.

2. James Pigg.

3. Blotting Paper.

3rd Race.

1. Ace of Spades.

2. Lock Rannock.

3. Stang River.

4th Race.

1. Fanling Stag.

2. Aristophanes.

3. Tamerlan.

5th Race.

1. James Pigg.

2. Dumbell.

3. Little River.

EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

THE HANDICAPS.

The following are the Handicaps for the Jockey Club's eighth extra race meeting on December 1st at Happy Valley:—

1st RACE—GLASGOW HANDICAP.

"A" CLASS—Six furlongs:—Boxing Eve, 178 lbs.; Blackstone Hall, 160 lbs.; San Francisco, 160 lbs.; Winsome Stag, 160 lbs.; Fifty Fifty, 155 lbs.; Misty Eve, 150 lbs.; O'Moon, 140 lbs.

2nd RACE—GLASGOW HANDICAP.

"C" CLASS—Six furlongs:—Caesar, 162 lbs.; Tangle, 162 lbs.; As You Like It, 161 lbs.; District Call, 159 lbs.; May, 158 lbs.; Borderer, 155 lbs.; Boukran, 155 lbs.; Tap Stag, 155 lbs.; Westlake, 155 lbs.; Ullswater, 153 lbs.; Ace of Spades, 150 lbs.; Tartar, 150 lbs.; Grey Knight, 150 lbs.; Meanwhile, 150 lbs.; Perpetual Motion, 145 lbs.; Siang River, 145 lbs.; Duke of Artagnan, 145 lbs.; Grey Eyes, 143 lbs.; Fook-shan, 140 lbs.; Movannagher, 140 lbs.; Little Darling, 140 lbs.

3rd RACE—GLASGOW HANDICAP.

"B" CLASS—Six furlongs:—Sunning, 160 lbs.; Bright Prospect, 159 lbs.; Chermal, 159 lbs.; U-Un II, 159 lbs.; Mongolian Stag, 158 lbs.; The Farmer, 155 lbs.; Spinner, 155 lbs.; Morgill, 154 lbs.; Erstwhile, 153 lbs.; Fanling Stag, 152 lbs.; Skipper, 152 lbs.; Dainbo, 152 lbs.; Nara Stag, 152 lbs.; Tarzan, 149 lbs.; Blue World, 148 lbs.; Aristophanes, 148 lbs.; Wuchang, 145 lbs.; Twilight Eve, 145 lbs.; Warrington, 145 lbs.; Duke of Nieblung, 145 lbs.; Veloz, 140 lbs.; The Haugh, 140 lbs.

5th RACE—LANARK HANDICAP "B".

CLASS—One mile:—Sunning, 160 lbs.; Bright Prospect, 159 lbs.; Chermal, 159 lbs.; U-Un II, 159 lbs.; Mongolian Stag, 158 lbs.; The Farmer, 155 lbs.; Spinner, 155 lbs.; Morgill, 154 lbs.; Erstwhile, 153 lbs.; Fanling Stag, 152 lbs.; Nara Stag, 152 lbs.; Skipper, 152 lbs.; Tarzan, 149 lbs.; Aristophanes, 148 lbs.; Blue World, 148 lbs.; Duke of Nieblung, 145 lbs.; Full Moon, 145 lbs.; Twilight Eve, 145 lbs.; Warrington, 145 lbs.; Ace of Spades, 140 lbs.; Caesar, 140 lbs.; Ullswater, 140 lbs.; Grey Eyes, 140 lbs.; Tangle, 140 lbs.; Grey Knight, 140 lbs.; The Haugh, 140 lbs.

6th RACE—LANARK HANDICAP "A".

CLASS—One mile:—Boxing Eve, 178 lbs.; One Third, 177 lbs.; Blackstone Hall, 160 lbs.; San Francisco, 160 lbs.; Winsome Stag, 160 lbs.; Coos Bay, 158 lbs.; Fifty Fifty, 155 lbs.; Doubtful, 155 lbs.; Brigade Call, 151 lbs.; Misty Eve, 150 lbs.; O'Moon, 140 lbs.

YACHTING NOTES.

[BY CHAU KUNG.]

The first Cruiser Championship sailed on Sunday last was contested under handicaps fixed on a "Time on Time" scale and it produced some interesting results.

There was less than one minute between *Curlew* 1st and *Fatherly* 2nd, whilst the corrected times of *Coquette* and *La Cigale* varied by one second only. *La Cigale* was just over the line but finished third on the handicap whilst *U and I* which crossed in 3rd place was relegated to 6th position on handicap.

All the competitors, with the possible exception of *Curlew*, made errors of judgment, but possibly the greatest error was by the No. 1 Boy of *Snipe* who, upon his No. 2 being put "into the pond" by a jerked foresail sheet turned to the skipper and remarked "No wanchai 'Man Man' he can swim".

He was decidedly wrong and Mr. Easterbrook displayed smart seamanship in picking up his "man overboard" in under a quarter of an hour, when sea and wind were taken into consideration.

The racing Yachts suffered from very variable breezes for their third Championship race and I think there will be different results when we get true and steady winds.

The Committee of the Yacht Club have been able to secure *The Snipe* to act as the "Hotel" to the small craft for the Club Cruise to be held over the week end. It only remains for the owners of the small boats to bring their food and a couple of blankets to make the week-end one of considerable comfort to themselves. Their thanks will be due to Mr. Easterbrook for his generosity in placing *Snipe* at their service. The Cruise will start from the Club House at 2.30 p.m. and the *Bandwagons* will be *Joan House Bay* on Lam Tong Island and on arrival the competitors in the race should leave the committee boat on their port hand.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.25 a.m. A. B. Stewart and K. S. Robertson.

9.30 " A. B. Raworth and O. E. C. Marton.

9.35 " N. L. Smith and A. H. Ferguson.

9.40 " Major Beamish and H. U. Ireland.

9.45 " K. L. Dugan and R. H. Hollis.

9.50 " C. B. Johnson and R. K. Hepburn.

9.55 " R. Young and D. J. Gilmore.

10.00 " A. D. Humphreys and J. S. McEachran.

10.05 " J. S. McLaren and F. A. Redmond.

10.10 " L. G. S. Dodwell and J. M. Walker.

10.15 " H. H. Lennox and T. L. Christie.

10.20 " G. Murray and F. A. Merry.

10.25 " I. R. Andrewes and T. G. Bennett.

10.30 " D. G. G. MacDonald and E. D. Lawrence.

10.35 " A. T. Lay and A. Leach.

10.40 " I. W. Shewan and F. J. de Rome.

10.45 " I. Newton and E. D. Black.

10.50 " F. S. Harrison and J. W. Franks.

10.55 " W. J. Clerk and Colonel Bostock.

11.00 " R. K. Valentine and A. E. Lissaman.

11.05 " R. L. Stewart and H. N. Lever.

11.09 " A. Ritchie and A. Ritchie, jr.

11.13 " C. J. Waddell and W. C. Clark.

11.17 " C. W. Jeffries and L. J. Blackburn.

11.21 " A. Webster and W. A. Weight.

11.25 " B. J. Lacon and R. J. Sneedon.

11.29 " C. W. Sellers and G. W. Reeve.

11.33 " A. G. Coppin and S. S. Perry.

11.37 " S. T. Butlin and H. A. Mills.

11.41 " T. G. Weall and L. C. F. Bellamy.

11.45 " J. D. Humphreys and Comdr. Fowle.

11.49 " A. W. Hodges and A. R. Cox.

11.53 " J. Coulthart and S. F. Chubb.

11.57 " H. A. Lammert and F. Syme Thomson.

12.01 p.m. C. M. Gee and B. L. Seton-Winton.

12.05 " B. A. Green and J. H. Baikes.

12.09 " H. Spicer and I. E. L. Mackay and J. Smith and C. D. Lambert.

CARPENTIER TO FIGHT AGAIN.

WILLING TO MEET PHIL SCOTT.

LONDON, Nov. 1st.

Will Georges Carpentier, the one-time, boxing idol of France, who is again in London, meet Phil Scott in the ring? Carpentier was introduced in the ring at the Albert Hall last Thursday night, on the occasion of the Jack Hood-Bruno Frattini contest. The crowd rose to him, and Georges, obviously pleased, bowed his acknowledgments repeatedly.

Rumour became rife at once, Surely a fight between Carpentier and the reigning heavy-weight champion of England was indicated. Had not Carpentier knocked out Bombardier Wells and Joe Beckett when those boxers were at the top of the English tree? Why therefore should he not follow up the sequence by beating Phil Scott?

It was hinted that the National Sporting Club would be willing to stage the match.

Carpentier, when approached on the question, said that, in spite of the fact that his definite retirement had been reported, he would be quite willing to meet Scott. Possibly he thinks that Scott may be as easy to beat as were his two predecessors.

When Scott was interviewed he said: "I should like to meet Carpentier again in the ring. He refereed my fight with Polino in Spain when I first met him, and I have not forgotten that he gave the Spaniard the decision although I was badly fouled."

BLOW TO BOOK-MAKERS.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE RESULT.

£100,000 FOR FRANCE.

The victory in the Cambridge-shire recently of Palais Royal II, a French-bred colt owned by a Belgian millionaire, M. Wittouck, was the worst blow the bookmakers have had for years.

In addition to the heavy betting which sent the horse's price from 10 to 1 overnight to 5 to 1 at the start, Palais Royal II. figured in innumerable doubles with Arctic Star, the Cesarewitch winner. One bookmaker states that he will pay out £50,000 on doubles.

M. Wittouck himself won nearly £60,000 on the race. His trainer, M. Charlier, netted £22,000. The Scout estimates that French backers won £100,000 on the race, apart from doubles.

Sir Charles Hyde's Baytown was second and Mr. A. Macomber's Knight II, which won the race in 1926, was third.

WHAT BOOKMAKERS SAID.

ONLY ONE GAINED ON THE DOUBLES.

There were more winners of Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire doubles this year than in any year since 1902, when Black Sand won the Cesarewitch and Ballantrae the Cambridgeshire, says a Home paper.

Here are statements by leading bookmakers:—

Mr. Douglas Stuart: My firm is paying out £50,000 in doubles winnings. The amounts are not particularly large, but the number is legion. I have never known so many. The biggest has resulted in a win of £4,000 by one client.

Messrs. Ladbrooke and Co.: It has been an extremely bad day for us. The majority of our clients backed Palais Royal, and many of them had also backed Arctic Star in the Cesarewitch in a double.

Mr. Joe Lee: We have a large number of French clients, who all backed the winner to a man. A lot of money will go over the water.

Mr. T. H. Dey: We laid one client £2,600 to £50 on the double, and several other clients have more than £1,000 each to come.

Mr. James Sutters, on the other hand, said: "My double-event book shows a profit. I laid £1,000 to £10 and several smaller wagers at round about 100 to 1 some time ago, but even so I win on the race. I have had an excellent day."

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SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 25th Nov.	10 a.m.
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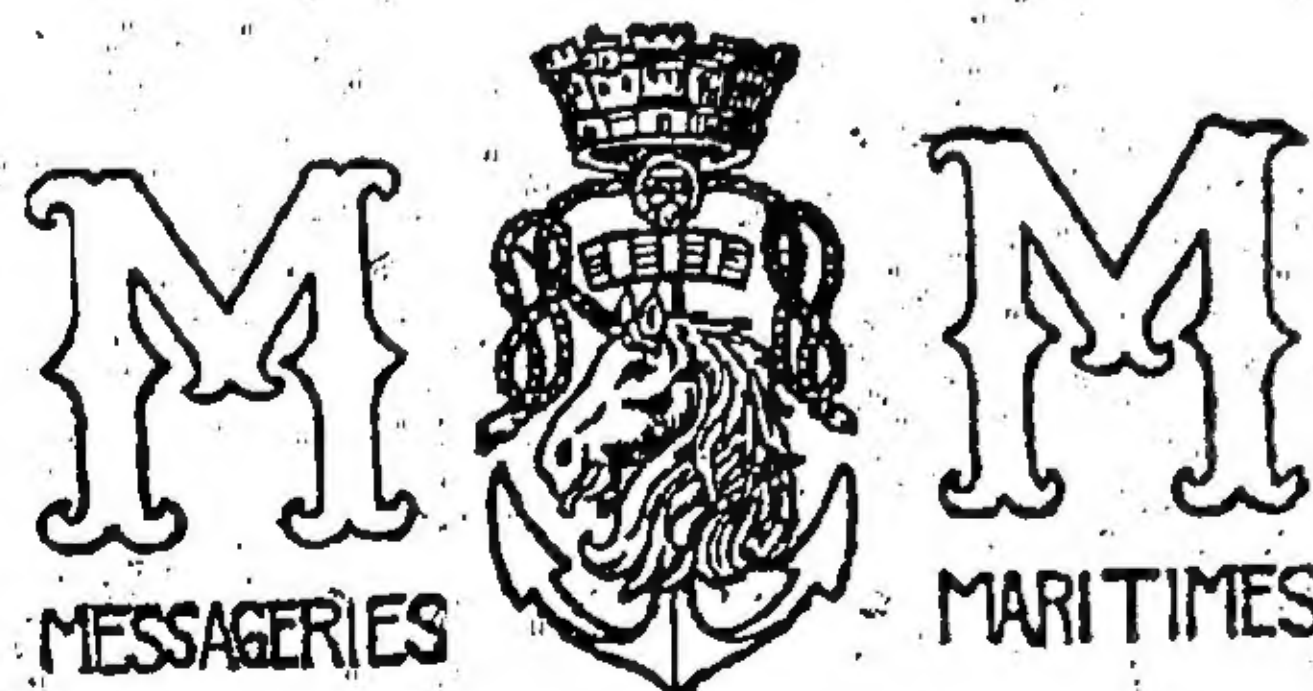
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

November 22nd.

Hong Peng, British str., 2,525 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, which port she left on November 18th, with 1,000 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10—Ho Thong Co.

Fulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. J. H. Kop, from Canton, lying at North Point—A.P.C.

November 23rd.

Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. G. Morse, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B13—B. & S.

Chenai, British str., 1,354 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Wuhu and Shanghai. The former port she left on November 18th, lying at buoy No. B20—B. & S.

Chinkiang, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. C. B. L. Stringer, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C42—B. & S.

Chun Jehen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. J. Davidsen, from Saigon, which port she left on November 17th, with 9,000 tons of rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Chun Tong Ha.

Fukuhang, British str., 1,987 tons, Capt. M. B. Costello, from Amoy, lying at buoy No. B7—B. & S.

Garret, Dutch str., 4,543 tons, Capt. P. H. Van C. P. Wieringa, from Seattle and San Pedro. The latter port she left on Nov. 17th, with 2,979 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A28—J.C.J.L.

Helena, British str., 4,810 tons, Capt. J. Davies, from Hong Kong, which port she left on November 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A32—B. & S.

Khyber, British str., 5,674 tons, Capt. C. Hester, from Shanghai, which port she left on November 20th, with 71 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Naldera, British str., 16,087 tons, Capt. G. G. Randall, from London, which port she left on Oct. 19th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,558 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9—B. & S.

Times Maru, Japanese str., 1,505 tons, Capt. T. Nakamura, from Keelung, which port she left on November 18th, with a cargo, lying at buoy No. A24—M.B.K.

Tanganyika Maru, Japanese str., 802 tons, Capt. T. Matsushima, from Keelung, which port she left on November 18th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49—Y.K.K.

Yuen-Sun, British str., 1,963 tons, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from Kobe, which port she left on November 18th, with 600 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

November 23rd.

Chenai, for Canton.

Chinkiang, for Shanghai.

Chung Kong, for Tourane.

Haiching, for Swatow.

Huichow, for Weihaiwei.

Hekenu, for Shanghai.

Hong Peng, for Swatow.

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Lushan Maru, for Canton.

Naldera, for Shanghai.

Pog Tye, for Kwangchowwan.

Shin Hing, for Macao.

Tonkin, for Haiphong.

Times Maru, for Canton.

Tybear, for Shanghai.

Fulcanus, for Foochow.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived at Manila yesterday (Friday) at 8 a.m., was due to leave the same day at 8 p.m. and is expected at Hong Kong to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of France* is due at Hong Kong to-morrow (Sunday) morning, and will berth at buoy No. A2.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Java-China-Japan Line

Tjikembang, November 28th.

Tjikini, Nov. 30th.

Tjikarom, Dec. 3rd.

Tjikaroca, December 5th.

Tjikarang, Dec. 10th.

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Sphinx, January 15th.

General Metzinger, Jan. 25th.

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Fulda, Dec. 16th.

Main, Dec. 22nd.

Trier, Jan. 13th.

Uder, January 30th.

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Tennessee, January 30th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

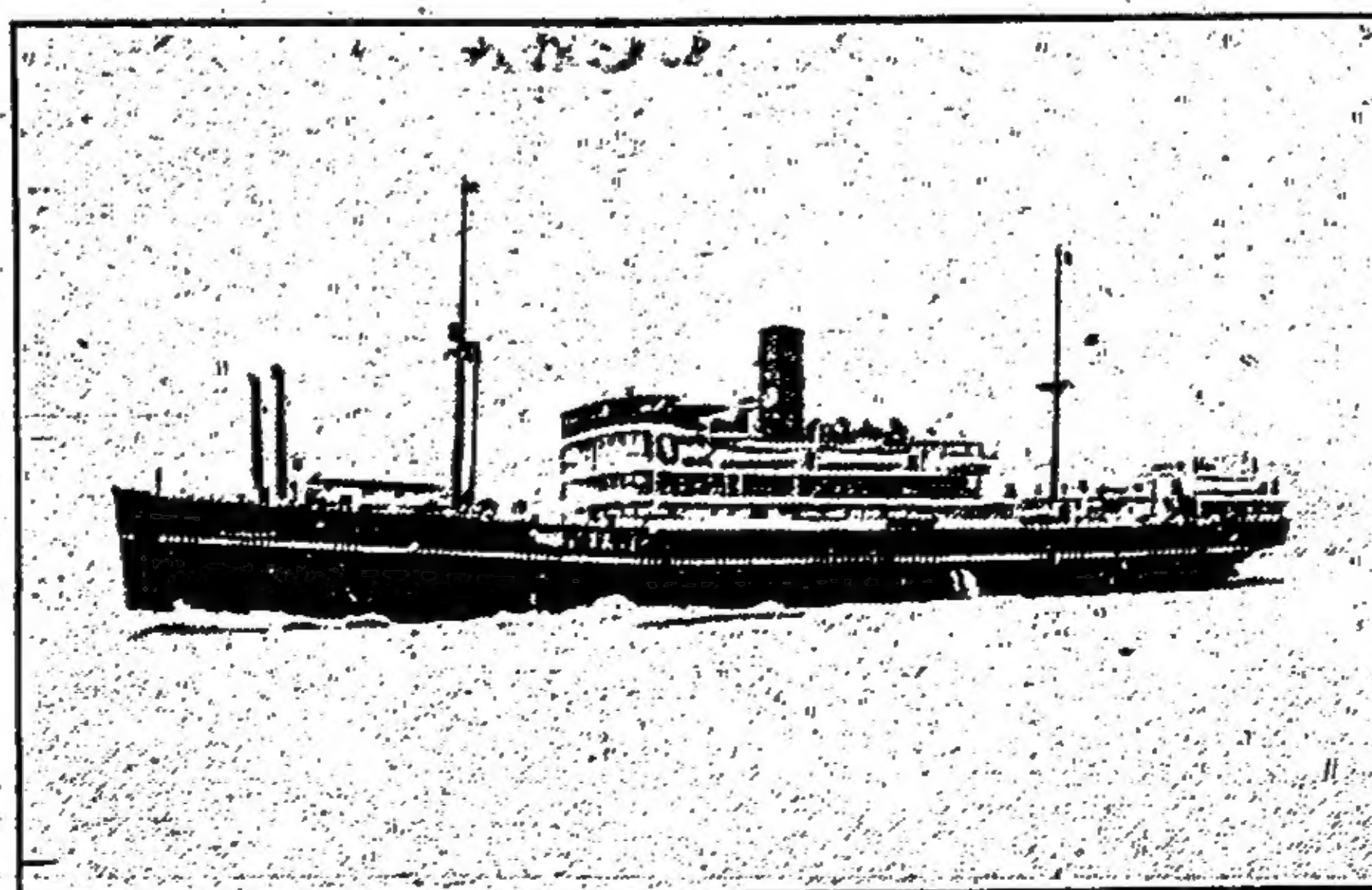
	Sunrise.	Sunset.
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OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Wed., 12th Dec., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG" "YUENSANG"	Sun., 25th Nov., at 10 a.m. Fri., 7th Dec., at 5 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 13th Dec., at Noon
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